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Thursday, March 11, 1965
The annual Spring Choral Concert at Granite City High School featured more than 300 student performers and lasted a little more than an hour.

Hot tip

Free cholesterol testing
Free cholesterol testing will be included in a blood drive sponsored by the Tri-City Chapter, American Red Cross on Monday, March 26.
The drive will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Aerie 1126 Home, 2558 Madison Ave.
Also, the Red Cross will be conducting a drive which will be sponsored by Granite City High School, located at 3101 Madison Ave. The drive will be held on Monday, March 19, in the annex gym, with drive hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The sponsors urge participation by every healthy adult 17 years of age or older.

Lead called 'invisible epidemic'

By Dawn Grimes
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — After listening to a panel of experts describe in detail the effects of prolonged lead exposure, a U.S. Senate panel concluded Thursday that it was encourage federal efforts to reduce the preventable danger.

Numerous specialists testified on the "invisible epidemic," shedding light on some of the long-term risks that might be faced by residents near the Taracorp lead pile in Granite City.

"Lead poisoning is one of the most serious pediatric health problems in the United States and it is completely preventable," said Dr. Herbert L. Needleman at the Senate subcommittee hearing. Although there is some debate about the precise levels at which exposure to lead begins to harm children, both Chairman Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., agree that "it's time we did something."

Members of the Senate environment toxic substances subcommittee sought to justify a considerably larger federal role in preventing lead poisoning in areas like Granite City, Venice and Madison.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a \$25 million cleanup plan that would remove six inches of soil from residential areas surrounding the Taracorp waste pile.

Many local officials have complained the plan is too extensive and would disrupt business and inconvenience residents in the area.

Lieberman said one of the reasons lead poisoning doesn't capture the public attention is it has

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—Dr. Vernon Houk

been stereotyped as the problem of inner-city, minority children eating paint chips while being neglected by their mothers.

However, children can contract lead poisoning from sources other than paint — including dust, outside soil and drinking water carried in lead-soldered pipes.

A study conducted by the Department of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati has shown a clear relationship between the average amount of lead in soil and the average amount of lead in blood of children living in the area.

However, Needleman cautioned "there is no level shown to be safe."

"This contaminated surface soil serves as a large reservoir of lead which continually blows around neighborhoods, is tracked indoors on shoes, carried in by house pets, and blows through open doors and windows," said Dr. Vernon Houk, assistant surgeon general for the Centers for Disease Control.

"Inside the home, lead poses an immediate threat to infants and toddlers as they crawl on the floor and put their hands and toys, contaminated with lead, into their mouth. Unknowingly, and

unrecognized by the parents, they are ingesting poison," Houk said.

Lead is a toxin that affects every system in the body. It is particularly harmful to the developing brain and nervous system, so that lead is particularly devastating to the fetus and young children.

Very severe lead exposure can cause coma, convulsions and even death, he said.

Lower levels of lead, which usually do not cause symptoms, can result in decreased intelligence, decreased ability to learn, developmental disabilities, behavioral disturbances, and disorders of blood production, Houk said.

"Many of the most serious effects of lead are irreversible; children who have moderate lead levels when they are very young have markedly increased school dropout rates, decreased ability to learn, difficulties with reading and neurobehavioral abnormalities," Houk added.

For the time being, until legislation can be passed and programs put into effect, Needleman said, "don't let your children eat dirt or paint and get their blood tested for lead poisoning."

Blood testing in the Granite City area has been suggested but not funded.

Recycling grant sought by Madison

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

MADISON — City officials are after two grants that would help the city comply with new state laws concerning solid waste disposal.

Mayor John Bellico told the City Council about the efforts at the council meeting March 6.

Beginning July 1, Illinois residents will be prohibited from mixing yardwaste with garbage for disposal — grass clippings, leaves and the like.

The state plan also calls for recycling of 15 percent of solid waste by 1994 and 25 percent by 1996.

The grants are available from Madison County and the state.

Madison hopes to get a grant from the county for curbside recycling bins. Eight county municipalities have already received such grants, totaling \$62,373.

Bellico told the council that the county's solid waste coordinator, John Chalovich, was looking into the possibility of hooking Madison up with one

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Venice project stirs debate

VENICE — A proposal to take away some Venice Public Library property to widen Broadway for a sort of "town square," as it has been described by city officials, is likely to be brought up at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

James Harrell, who describes himself as a "concerned citizen ... praying for a better Venice," is crying foul. He says the proposed project would benefit a "selected few" businessmen in downtown.

Those businessmen include Mayor Tyrone Echols, who, with his son, said Tyrone Jr., owns the Venice Currency Exchange.

Echols has repeatedly denied that the project was conceived solely because it would benefit his business.

The project has been tabled once and voted down once; it was voted down at the last council meeting.

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Pontoon Road land annexed

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTON BEACH — The village grew by 3.5 acres Tuesday night when trustees annexed property located in the 3800 block of Pontoon Road.

Mayor Glen Wilson's vote decided the matter when trustees split on the issue.

The tie vote would have left the annexation petition in limbo until next Tuesday's meeting.

The annexed acreage lies on the south side of Pontoon Road, just east of Cargill Road and south to Ruth Drive. The section of Cargill Road adjacent to the property already was in the village.

David and Annie Billings own the property and have a residence on the tract. The land had B (business) zone classification while in an unincorporated area of the county and was annexed into the village under a B-4 (business) designation.

Trustee Robert Douglas suggested placing the annexation petition on first reading until Village Attorney Keith Jensen could review the documents.

Trustee Loren Madison asked why the landowners wanted to annex into the village and asked whether a hearing is required prior to zoning the property as commercial.

Wilson said the land in contiguous to the village boundaries and a hearing is not necessary when property comes into the community through

annexation without a zoning change.

No formal action was taken at the time the petition was first presented, but after David Billings arrived at the meeting the matter was reintroduced.

Billings has owned the property for two years, he said, and plans to retain a section near Cargill Road, where the residence is located. The remainder will be sold for commercial use, he informed trustees.

"Why do you want to come into the village? What use is that to you?" Madison asked.

"We're in a 'twilight zone' there, between Granite City and the village," Billings replied.

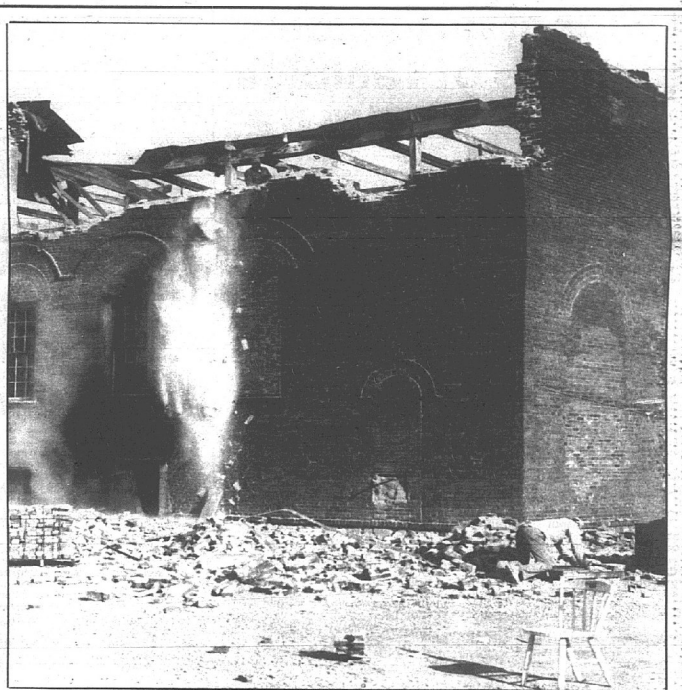
He did not specify for what purpose the commercial land would be used.

"I'd like to know what's going in there," Douglas said. "We should table this until the March 13 meeting."

Douglas said Friday he had confirmed that a residence for the developmentally disabled is proposed for construction on part of the property.

Results were identical on two roll call votes, one to suspend the rules and vote without delay and the second to approve annexation.

Voting to approve the measure were Trustees Bob Abel, Irene Karjichik, Louis Whitsell and Wilson. Casting "no" votes were Trustees Douglas, Madison and Marvin Ribbing.



WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN: An historic building in the 1300 block of Madison Avenue is torn down last week. The two-story structure made of 18-inch thick brick walls was built in 1906 and was the first Macedonian-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church in both North and South America. More recently, the building was used as a warehouse and clothing shop, and for many years served as a Halloween haunted house.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Diamond Plating picketing limited

MADISON — Striking union workers of Diamond Plating Co. have been named in a temporary restraining order restricting their actions on the picket line outside the plant.

Associate Judge Michael J. Meehan has signed an order limiting the union to three pickets at a time and requiring them to be at least 75 feet from the plant's gates.

Company officials charged that some union members had slashed tires on cars inside the gates and poured sugar into some workers' gasoline tanks. Union members deny that.

"We didn't do any of that stuff. A little mass picketing, maybe; none of the rest," said union negotiator Ernest Goodlow of Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Allied Workers Local 13.

Picket William Smith said a federal mediator had been called in to help settle the strike, but that negotiations had broken off Feb. 28 and no new session has been planned.

Union and company officials are due in the Madison County Circuit Court March 23. Several union members have been summoned to answer the vandalism allegations, and the judge will review the temporary restraining order.

Both sides declined to identify their lawyers or make formal statements.

Local woman hurt in crash Charges follow bar fight

MADISON — A Madison woman was injured in a car accident Wednesday on Illinois 203 at Harrison Street. Adele C. Wasyak, 64, was listed in stable condition later at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

She was northbound in the passing lane of Route 203 at about 11:30 a.m. when a car driven by Arturo Fuentes, 36, of St. Louis allegedly ran an electric signal at Harrison Street and struck her car.

Fuentes, who was issued a traffic citation for failure to obey a traffic signal, told police he was unable to stop in time because of potholes on Harrison Street. Fuentes suffered a severe bruise on his left elbow.

Women arrested at plaza

Two East St. Louis women were arrested for criminal trespassing at Gateway Miralate Truck Plaza, 699 Route 203, Monica L. Fair, 22, was arrested at 7 p.m. March 5 and Brenda Ann Kingley, 33, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. March 7. Each was released after posting \$102 cash bail.

Charged with hit, run

Ken W. Griggs, 20, of the 1700 block of Edwardsville Road was charged with hit and run driving March 4 after a collision with a parked car on Greenwood Street. The truck car belonged to Ely, his D. Hahn of the 800 block of

Madison

Greenwood. A police officer saw Griggs' damaged car in front of his house and compared paint chips from Hahn's auto with paint samples on Griggs' car.

Vehicle stolen, burned

A 1984 Chevrolet belonging to Jerry D. James of Collinsville was stolen from Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza, 699 Route 203, March 6. James said the vehicle was taken while he was inside the truck stop playing video games between 9:45 and 10:20 p.m. The auto was later found burned in French Village by St. Clair County sheriff's deputies.

Gray 1985 van stolen

Tommy Munoz of the 200 block of Madison Avenue told police somebody stole his gray 1985 Plymouth van from in front of his residence during the early morning of March 4.

Orange 1974 auto taken

Charles Graham of the 1600 block of Fifth Street told police someone stole his orange 1974 AMC Hornet auto while it was parked early in the morning of March 3 in front of the 520 Club, 520 Madison Ave.

Steven Earl Gallatin, 36, of St. Charles, Mo., was arrested at 3:08 a.m. March 4 on a charge of battery. At the same time, Richard Raymond Menke, 28, of Compton, Ill., was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property.

Police responding to a report of a fight at Goldie's Goodtime Bar and Grill, 1800 State St., reported Gallatin said Menke had shattered the windshield on his car and broken out a tail light. Menke reportedly told police he had done so only after Gallatin hit him on the head with a beer glass inside the bar.

Both were placed under arrest, taken to the police station and later released after posting \$102 cash bail each.

While police were at Goldie's, Rickie Eugene Teller, 36, of the 2100 block of Troy Avenue in Madison, was reportedly standing on the sidewalk shouting at the police officers. When Teller was asked to leave, he reportedly threatened the officers and began to charge toward them.

Teller was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and aggravated assault.

Burglar takes motorcycle

Jeffrey S. Gamble of the 2900 block of Grand Avenue reported March 3 that a burglar had broken into his garage and taken a red 1985 Honda CR250 motorcycle.

Battery, alcohol charges

Wendy Gail Jackson, 28, of the 2500 block of Grand Avenue was arrested at 1:32 p.m. in the 2900 block of Madison Avenue on a charge of battery.

Jackson allegedly pushed and

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shoved Clarence Hutson, 57, of the 2500 block of Grand Avenue at Hutson's home at 1:10 p.m. during an attempt by Jackson to take her son, of whom Hutson has legal custody.

Jackson reportedly left in a car, driven by Lloyd E. Whit, 55, of New Florence, Mo. When Whit's car was stopped on Madison Avenue, beer was reportedly found on the front floorboard and Whit was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol.

Jackson and Renee Michelle Jackson, 25, of the 4800 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, a passenger in the car, were charged with illegal possession of alcohol.

Gun pointed at worker

A Granite City man who works at a Madison business was ransomed with a shotgun at 6:50 p.m. March 5.

Larry W. Farley of the 4500 block of Walter Avenue was interviewed by police at his residence after the incident occurred at Wabash Avenue and Illinois 203.

Farley said a black Camaro auto was driven next to his vehicle as he was making a turn onto Wabash from 203. A man in the Camaro rolled down the car window about 6 inches and stuck a shotgun out of the window.

"Is your job worth it?" the man in the car asked while holding the end of the shotgun about 12 inches outside the window.

Farley was unable to identify the assailant due to tinted window glass on the car and the

suspect drove away, heading south on Illinois 203. There were no license plates on the Camaro. Farley is employed at the Diamond Plating firm in Madison where some workers are on strike. He believes the incident may be strike-related, he told police.

Warrant served on driver

Janice Sue DuBoise, 24, of the 2800 block of Marshall Avenue was arrested at Marshall Avenue and Victory Drive at 5:15 p.m. March 6 and charged with driving while her license was suspended and failing to yield the right of way while turning left.

DuBoise also was served a St. Clair County warrant alleging failure to appear on a charge of illegal transportation. She posted \$204 bail and was released pending a court hearing.

\$200 storm door stolen

An all-glass, black-trimmed storm door worth \$200 was removed from the front door at the home of Donna Harper in the 2100 block of Grand Avenue, she reported March 5.

Semi-automatic gone

A 22 caliber semi-automatic handgun worth \$125 was stolen from the residence of Shirley Thrasher in the 2800 block of Denver Street, she reported March 5.

Theft from pickup truck

An air cleaner was stolen

from a pickup truck belonging to Slamps Sewer and Pipe Cleaning Co., 1601 Grand Ave., it was reported March 5. The theft occurred when the vehicle was parked in a lot at the Granite City Steel waste water plant at 3301 Illinois 162, where Slamps employees were working.

Home garage burglary

In a garage burglary at the residence of Ronald D. Hoenig in the 3800 block of Willow Avenue, reported March 6, a boy's 26-inch 10-speed bicycle worth \$125 was stolen.

Motorcyclist injured

A motorcyclist was knocked from his machine when it struck a car leaving the Bellemore Village Shopping Center at 11:30 p.m. March 6.

Carl A. Courtright Jr., 43, of the 2500 block of Madison Avenue was northbound on Namekagon Road in the right lane when a car operated by Gwendolyn Diane West, 27, of the 1300 block of Robin Street, Venice, made a left turn from the shopping center entrance to go south.

The impact threw Courtright from the motorcycle onto the pavement in a southbound lane. He was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was treated and later was released.

West was charged with failure to yield the right of way and with operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Color of auto factor in thefts of vehicles

By Sylvia Porter

What color is your car? Though you never may have thought about it, the color of your automobile determines to some extent its likelihood of being stolen — and therefore may play a part in your insurance rates.

"I know it sounds bizarre, but it's true," says Julie Rochman of the Insurance Information Institute. "Red and black are the two colors most frequently stolen, and that's reflected in some insurance rates."

Even among insurance firms where color is a factor, it is just a small part of the formula that sets rates. Make, model and your geographical location play much bigger roles. Establishing a direct cause and effect between car color and insurance rates is not easy, says Michael LaMonica of Allstate.

"Most cars that have a higher theft potential are cars for which red and black are popular colors," LaMonica says.

In other words, that flashy red sports car is more likely to be stolen than the staid olive green family sedan. But the sports car is more likely to be stolen anyway.

"There are about 1.4 million car thefts in the U.S. each year," says Tim Kett of the National Automobile Theft Bureau. "There are 1.1 million thefts of contents of automobiles and 1.2 million thefts of accessories."

It isn't just an insurance problem. Law enforcement costs in connection with auto thefts exceed \$1 billion a year.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety notes one recent case in which a particular sedan model kept disappearing from towns on the Texas border. It turned out that Mexican police were crossing the border and nicking the cars to equip their fleet of police cars.

"It is estimated that 20,000 stolen cars are taken into Mexico each year," Kett says. "Up to 200,000 are exported to other countries, chiefly in Central America and the Caribbean."

While the popular sports models are most likely to be stolen, they are not the likeliest cars to be burgled and have their radios and other accessories stolen.

The seven cars most likely to produce insurance theft claims, including theft of accessories, are all Volkswagens, according to the Highway Loss Data Institute. This apparently is because VWs come equipped with stereo systems that are prized by thieves.

No wonder removable car radios have become so popular.

Ironically, New York City police say removable radios often cause a thief to break into the trunk; that's where many people put the radio after unplugging it from the dashboard.

"It reflects a real problem of our times," Kett says. "And it tends to create its own market. For every radio that is stolen, there's a car owner who needs a radio."

Auto thefts have been on the rise since a slight downturn in 1983. The increase was 11.7 percent in 1988, and theft rates were up 11 percent in the first six months of 1989.

Suburban New York City, Boston and suburban Los Angeles are the three places where residents are most likely to have their cars stolen.

Protecting yourself from car theft is relatively simple, with some precautions paying for themselves in reduced insurance rates. Among the recommendations from the experts: Invest in a good passive anti-theft system with an alarm.

"Think twice before installing an expensive car stereo system. Consider the color you choose in picking out a new car. It does make a difference in its likelihood of being stolen."

"Be careful in your parking habits, especially in shopping malls and other large public lots. Always lock your car and take the keys with you. Choose a four-door over a two-door model; the latter are more likely to be stolen."

Child sex abuse case 'decided' by Congress

By Jason Moody

Staff writer

WASHINGTON — When Congress last overwhelmingly passed legislation freeing a mother who spent two years in jail to protect her daughter from alleged sexual abuse, Rep. Dick Durbin was one of the few lawmakers to vote "No."

Now, as new revelations shed doubt on the case of Dr. Elizabeth Morgan and her claim that her ex-husband, Dr. Eric Foretich, molested their daughter Hilary, Durbin's vote could prove to be a prudent one.

Ever since Hilary Morgan was found late last month in New Zealand living with her maternal grandparents, a new round of charges and countercharges has heightened the confusion in this highly publicized custody battle.

But Durbin, who worked in family law before being elected to Congress, said he has been uneasy about the case from the very beginning.

"I have found that the credibility of

many of the parents that are caught up in a divorce is usually questionable," said Durbin, a Springfield Democrat, explaining his July vote. "Many times, very outrageous charges are made."

Recent articles published in the *Washington Times* seem to bolster Durbin's suspicions.

One story quotes Dr. Elissa Benedek, a court-approved psychologist who examined Morgan at length, as saying she suffers from a mixed-personality disorder and had a "very disturbing relationship" with her own father, the man who now has custody of Hilary.

Morgan has accused Benedek, the former president of the American Psychiatric Association, of molesting Hilary in the course of court-ordered examinations. She makes a similar claim against Foretich's parents, who are both more than 70 years old.

Last year, Morgan herself was charged with child pornography when investigators found 14 photographs she had taken of Hilary using crayons and a small spoon in

a sexually explicit manner. Morgan claims a detective told her to take the pictures as evidence of abuse committed against Hilary. The detective denies giving such advice.

Morgan had been held on civil contempt charges for failing to disclose the whereabouts of her daughter and denying visitation rights to Foretich.

Durbin was one of two lawmakers who spoke out against legislation freeing her last July. He argued that it was a mistake for Congress to pass retroactive legislation reversing an earlier judicial decision.

Nevertheless, the bill passed, 376-34 in the House, unanimously in the Senate, and was signed into law by President Bush.

"This was a case that was a compelling story by a mother about sex abuse, and (how) congressmen, who had heard precious little, if any, about the case, decided to set judgment," Durbin said.

Drunk drivers increase cost of car insurance

By Sylvia Porter

None of us can escape the tragic damage caused by alcohol- or drug-impaired drivers.

Even if it was not you, a family member or a friend who was hurt, you still pay the penalty for drunk drivers in increasing auto insurance premiums.

There is an alcohol-related fatality every 22 minutes, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Two of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

The estimated cost of all this (not taking into account the cost of lost earning power or emotional grief) is \$10 billion a year in insurance payouts.

Much has been done to heighten awareness of the problems caused by drunk drivers. For

example, raising the minimum drinking age has reduced by 12 to 13 percent the involvement in fatal crashes of drivers under 21 years of age, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The designated driver program has succeeded in preventing many social drinkers from getting behind the wheel, and school education programs have helped increase awareness among young drivers.

Drunk and drug-impaired driving ranks right up there with speeding and some people's refusal to wear seat belts as major factors contributing to highway car insurance costs.

There still are many drinkers who have not received this message. For these drivers, harsher measures may be on the way. Insurance companies, citizens

groups and legislators now are focusing on stricter law enforcement and forced behavior modification.

"It is a totally avoidable problem. People don't have to drink and drive," says John H. Martine, president of the personal financial security division of Aetna Life & Casualty. "Drunk driving is something we could get rid of if we had law enforcement or by people taking responsibility for their behavior."

Like other insurance companies, Aetna is making drunk drivers face up to their actions. Aetna refuses to renew the auto policies of most convicted drunk drivers.

Also, through local chapters of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Aetna is providing selected police departments with video cameras with which the

officers can film a suspected drunk driver from the time the driver is first spotted. Besides getting drunk drivers off the road, these video films are helping to ease the burden on already crowded court dockets.

"In a lot of jurisdictions, people see the film and plead guilty," Martine says. "It is pretty hard to say you weren't drunk or somehow impaired when you see yourself on film weaving around."

Law enforcement agencies and regulators also are focusing on tougher laws. The legal definition of drunk driving has been lowered from 0.10 percent blood alcohol content to 0.08 percent in five states. Automatic revocation of licenses of intoxicated drivers is a law in 25 states, and jail terms are mandatory for first-time offenders in 14 states.

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Treasurer race has old, new

By Andy Slering
Staff writer

The Democratic primary election for Madison County treasurer pits a seasoned politician against a relative newcomer.

Max Shaffer, a plumbing contractor who lives in Edwardsville, is challenging 11-year incumbent Michael "Mick" Henkhaus.

Republican John Shimkus, a school teacher from Collinsville, is running unopposed in the GOP primary March 20.

Shaffer is touting himself as a "blue collar" candidate, "not a white-collar politician."

Henkhaus is pointing to his experience in the office of treasurer and innovations he says have streamlined tax collection and distribution.

In a campaign flyer, Shaffer implies that Henkhaus invests county funds in banks run by political allies. In a conversation with the *Journal*, however, Shaffer backed off from that suggestion.

"I'm not accusing him," Shaffer said, "I just think it's possible."

Henkhaus denied any favoritism in investing county funds. He said that every morning he calls a bank in St. Louis to get its short-term investment rates.

"Then I call the banks where the money is. If they'll give us that rate, we leave it there. If not, we move it."

He said his investments have earned the county \$21.3 million during his years in office.

Henkhaus said he requires full



Max Shaffer
... 'blue collar'

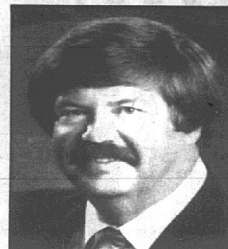
collateralization of all county bank funds.

"We don't have to do that, but we do it in case some bank should go down," he said.

Henkhaus also said he has reduced his staff from 31 when he took office to 20. "Not many people in government can say that. We saved almost \$1 million in salaries" during that time, he said.

Shaffer said that, if elected, he would see to it that property owners are informed by letter of all possible tax breaks, such as the Homestead Exemption Act for senior citizens.

"The working man is supporting the government, and then the government can't even look out for him when he's got a



'Mick' Henkhaus
... 11-year incumbent

break coming," Shaffer said.

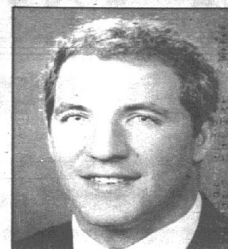
"It's kind of a one-way situation."

Henkhaus said he supports a bill to allow people to pay their taxes in four yearly installments instead of the current two installments. Shaffer said he would like to see 12 yearly installments to ease the burden of the taxpayer.

Henkhaus said his office remits taxes to local governments faster than in any county in the state. "I guarantee we're three to four weeks faster than any treasurer in the state."

He said last year he paid out \$46 million to local governments before the deadline mandated by state law.

Shaffer said he has no



John Shimkus
... unopposed GOP

accounting training, but he says his 20 years of experience running a plumbing company and "a natural ability with figures" are sufficient training.

Before becoming county treasurer, Henkhaus was chief clerk of the criminal court for two years and chief clerk of the probate court for nine years. He was also county administrator for three years.

Henkhaus, 47, is married, with three children.

Shaffer, 45, is married, with a daughter.

Shimkus, 31, is a Lutheran high school teacher and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is married and childless.

Byron, Stack heat up judge race

By Susan Draglich
Staff writer

The March 20 primary race for circuit judge in Madison County is heating up.

Circuit Judge Nicholas Byron is waiting for his opponent to make a retraction of statements he made against Byron.

Madison County Associate Judge Dan Stack said Byron threatened to prevent Stack's retention as an associate judge next year if he ran against Byron in the primary.

Stack, of Highland, and Byron, of Edwardsville, are opponents for the Democratic nomination for the circuit judgeship Byron now holds.

Byron said Stack may have misinterpreted a conversation he and Stack held in August.

"To be quite honest, I'm just appalled and disappointed that he would make these accusations," Byron said.

"Back in August when Stack told me he was going to run, I encouraged him to, but I also told him there was no way he would win because he doesn't have the experience. Whatever was said in August obviously didn't deter him because he's still in the race."

Byron referred to Stack's statements as last-minute tactics by someone who is trying to earn free press coverage.

But Stack insisted Thursday that Byron, along with others, told him he would not be retained in 1991 if he ran.

"That's something I will never forget and I guess it's just the Irish blood in me, but when Byron told me that last year, it made me want to get into the race all the more. I guarantee I won't be making a retraction."

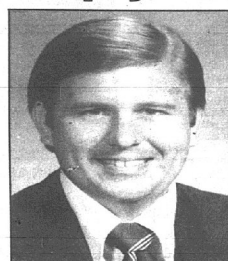
Stack said Byron confronted him in August and said he was glad Stack was running because he (Byron) would win and put Stack out of a job.

Byron said Stack has generally been perceived as a Republican after he challenged the late U.S. Rep. Mel Price as a Republican in 1978.

Stack said Byron had been a Republican when he first became an assistant state's attorney in 1969 under State's Attorney Roland Griffith, a Republican. Byron denied it.

Byron said the real issue is experience.

"Stack couldn't step into my office tomorrow and do what I do," Byron said. "He's a traffic and misdemeanor judge and if



Daniel Stack
... has 'Irish blood'

you want to compare our records as judge, he doesn't come close."

Stack has been an associate judge for four years. A lawyer for about 14 years, he has served as an Illinois assistant attorney general and with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Illinois.

Stack said his experience in numerous jobs since childhood — including work as a paper carrier, teamster, dishwasher, head waiter and dock worker — has prepared him for the responsibilities of being a judge.

"I have a lot of training you can't get in school," he said. Stack said the only issue in the campaign is the process of selecting judicial candidates.



Nicholas Byron
... 'Not my problem'

The executive committee of the Madison County Democratic organization endorsed Byron despite Stack's plea that "He remain neutral."

"If a screening committee is going to select candidates, why have a primary?" Stack said. "Right now, it's (Democratic Chairman) Bill Harrison who decides."

Both judges received almost identical "recommended" ratings in an Illinois State Bar Association poll of its members. Byron received 80.34 points and Stack received 79.46 points of a possible 100.

Candidates are rated for judicial integrity, judicial temperament, legal ability and court management.



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

ANNUAL CHAMBER FASHION SHOW: Billie Schuler, left, and Mary Jessee model for Queens Wear and Tops 'n Bottoms, respectively, two Granite City merchants who will have fashions in the annual spring fashion show and brunch sponsored by the Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the Sunset Hills Country Club on March 24 at 11 a.m. Tickets costing \$10 each may be purchased at Tops 'n Bottoms, Queens Wear, Computer Connection and the chamber office. Other participating stores include Elaine's Treasure Chest, Kokomo Tans, Beans and Jeans, Inge's Brides, Ruth's, Sandy's, Glik's and Lori's.

Briefly

Granite has 8 homeless dogs

GRANITE CITY — The Animal Control Department reports it had 8 animals at the city pound as of March 8. Persons wishing to reclaim or adopt one of the animals should call Animal Control at 452-6233.

The animals at the pound are:

- A large male black-and-tan Doberman found March 4 in the 3200 block of Erin Drive.
- A large male yellow Labrador found March 5 in the Briarcliff vicinity.
- A medium-sized male black-and-white mixed-Labrador found March 6 in the 2100 block of Dewey Avenue.
- A large male tricolor basset found March 6 in the 2000 block of Benton Street.
- A medium-sized female black-and-white mixed-breed found March 7 in the 2300 block of Adams Street.
- A medium-sized male white mixed-poodle found March 7 in the 2200 block of Alexander.
- A medium-sized male black-and-white mixed-breed found March 7.
- A small male black-and-white mixed-beagle found March 8 in the 2300 block of Cleveland Boulevard.

By statute, animals not claimed or adopted may be destroyed five working days following their capture by Animal Control.

Tree grafting workshop set

Preregistration is required for a fruit tree grafting workshop that will be held Tuesday, March 13, at 1:15 p.m. at the Farm Bureau auditorium in Edwardsville.

The program will cover types of trees for grafting, types of grafts, when to graft, how to make a graft, tips on grafting and grafting terms. Those attending will have the opportunity to practice constructing a graft.

Chris Doll, University of Illinois horticulture specialist, will teach the workshop. To register, the number is 656-8400.

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People



Harry Hamm

'West Side' sure bet for the Muny

The Jerome Robbins-Stephen Sondheim-Leonard Bernstein supershow "West Side Story" is a sure thing for the Muny's yet-to-be-announced summer schedule in Forest Park.

The show first bowed in New York on Sept. 26, 1957. It ran in New York for 732 performances.

This summer's booking will be the show's fourth visit to the Muny, following those in 1963, 1967 and 1982.

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Randall R. Harris, a resident of Belleville and currently a Navy recruiter in St. Louis, was among the invited guests at a special screening Feb. 27 of "The Hunt For Red October" at the Kenrick Cine.

The film, which is about submarine warfare, had a special significance to Harris because he has spent nearly six of his eight years in the U.S. Navy aboard nuclear subs. Harris spent 5½ years on the USS Lewis & Clark and about 2½ months aboard the USS Woodrow Wilson.

"Audiences should realize that the scenes aboard the subs pictured in the film were very realistic," Harris said. "The procedures and equipment they displayed were exactly as it is on a nuclear submarine."

As for the dangers involved, Harris said that too was no exaggeration.

"You know the risks when you volunteer for this kind of duty," Harris said. "It comes with the territory. But if you enjoy this kind of work, it can be the most exciting and challenging time of your life."

During his tour on submarines, Harris' vessels were based out of the naval base in Charleston, S.C. The film "made me wish I was back out there right now," Harris said.

Wehrenberg's aging Creve Coeur Cine soon will have competition directly across the street.

The building at 10571 Old Olive Street Road will be vacated in four weeks when current tenant Fitness Plus moves to a larger location in Frontenac. Blockbuster Video is planning to remodel the building then transfer its store at 11100 Olive Street Road, about a mile away, to the remodeled building.

In the meantime, the Creve Coeur Cine still is on the real estate block. One interested party is Schucke, who would close its old store a half-block away in favor of turning the theater into a new supercenter.

The Las Vegas betting line has "Driving Miss Daisy" as the even-money favorite to win the Oscar for Best Picture. The film's closest competitor, as far as Vegas odds makers are concerned, is "Born on the Fourth of July," which is listed at 6-5.

In the Best Actor category, Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman are the favorites, both listed at even money. For Best Actress, Jessica Tandy is the favorite at even money; Michelle Pfeiffer is at 6-5.

Harry Hamm is the entertainment editor for both KMOX-AM (1120) and the CBS Radio Network.



Alan Sculley

Country singer's switch a success

To hear the rollicking piano-driven rhythm and blues played by Marcia Ball, it might seem surprising to know that she started as a country singer.

After moving to Austin, Texas, in 1970, Ball played piano in a band that did songs by such country stalwarts as George Jones and Tammy Wynette.

But as cross-over country began to displace the more traditional honky-tonk sound in the 1970s, Ball began to return to her first musical love, rhythm and blues.

"I enjoyed the classic (country) stuff, but I didn't really enjoy what became country music in the '70s," Ball said.

Before switching strictly to rhythm and blues, she released a country music album in 1978 called "Circuit Queen."

The album's crossover country production didn't please her, but the experience wasn't all bad, Ball said.

"It was at the same time a great opportunity for me coming out of Texas and into Nashville, and getting to work with the musicians that were on that album," Ball said. "And there are some beautiful songs on it."

When Ball returned to recording in 1983 with the album "Soulful Dress," she was playing strictly rhythm and blues. That album, and the two that have followed, "Hot Tamale Baby" in 1986 and "Gatorhythms" in 1989, have been well-received by critics and won Ball a bigger audience.

Ball will perform March 22 at Furst Rock, 214 Morgan St. on Laclede's Landing, on the St. Louis riverfront. Tickets are \$10.

Alan Sculley covers the area concert scene for the Suburban Journals.



JOHN KAROLY, far right in the photo above in his days with the Tommy Dorsey Band, and below right as he appears today.

Big band man

Beat goes on for John Karoly

By Andy Slering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — John Karoly talks in a self-described "fragmented" fashion. The starts and stops and improvisational tangents of his conversation suggest what he once practiced as a profession: Big Band jazz drumming.

Karoly toured with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra in the early 1950s after he placed second in Gene Krupa's national drum contest.

Now about 60 years old ("Age is none of my business," Karoly says; "I always look straight ahead."), his career has also been punctuated by starts, stops and asides.

In 1956, he built the Big Top Drive-In Restaurant at Nameoki and Fehling roads and ran it until about 1963. In 1959, he was one of the founders of radio station WGNU, along with Chuck Norman and Judge George Moran.

Also in 1959, he was one of the founders of the Big Top Bowl — later Bowland. In the early 1960s, Karoly and his family owned the Crystal Palace nightclub in Gas Light Square, St. Louis.

Karoly, a self-described entrepreneur, says he never was interested in actually running any of his businesses — only in seeing them get off the ground.

Today, he manages his own investments and does commercial and residential real estate appraisals through King Real Estate and Insurance Agency.

He has also kept his hand in the music world by participating in drum clinics and helping coordinate the annual Mid-America Jazz Festival.

Next up for the peripatetic Karoly is a series of European jazz tours he is currently organizing. Those are 18 to 24 months away from fruition.

Given this urge to always have his hand in something new, it's not surprising when Karoly says, "I don't dote on nostalgia or the past, although I'm proud of my career."

Karoly left the touring band scene, he

"When you're on the road, the city gets to see you, but you never get to see the city."

—John Karoly

said, because "I had enough of the road. When you're on the road, the city gets to see you, but you never get to see the city."

Calling home at Easter and Christmas, Karoly is in the hotel room by himself. It has its ups and downs, but it was an interesting experience.

Festivals, he says, "keep you in contact with the allure of the entertainment industry, but you don't have to wake up in a hotel room."

Karoly laments the state of the music business today, when a four- or five-piece rock band can draw 20,000 people, but a 20-member big band only draws 500.

"How can anyone put on a concert with just four or five pieces?"

And, "How can anyone compare Ringo Starr with Buddy Rich? Ringo had no chops, man!"

And the beat goes on.



Genealogical Society library can help

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

When Rosemary Bechtoldt lays out her family tree, it's definitely a sequel.

Bechtoldt, an avid amateur genealogist, has traced her mother's side of her family back to the late 1500s and the Alsace-Lorraine region of France and has traced her father's side back centuries to Germany.

A few years ago, she trekked to France and Germany specifically to visit historic churches where her ancestors were baptized, married or buried. And, said Bechtoldt, coming face to face with your family history can be a powerful emotional experience.

"You know the feeling you get sometimes when you see a flag go by in a parade?" said Bechtoldt, of Belleville. "Well, it's kind of the same feeling. It kind of gives you goosebumps to see a baptismal fountain and think 'My great-great grandfather was baptized here. It's a wonderful feeling.'"

If genealogy sounds like something you'd like to get involved with, you're in luck. Since 1977, the St. Clair County Genealogical Society has strived to preserve genealogical data and to help people research their roots.

In addition, the Belleville Public Library is home to more than 2,000 books, plus card files of

obituaries and surnames and loads of information on microfilm and microfiche. The library has such historical gems as an 1860 Belleville city directory, and copies of newspapers dating back to 1840.

And if you have a library card, the Belleville Public Library can get you records from other libraries.

Diane Walsh, president of the Genealogical Society, said membership has grown rapidly, particularly in the last year. Today the society boasts 355 members from 36 states and at least two foreign countries.

Walsh said Belleville's 175th anniversary and St. Clair County's Bicentennial have had something to do with the 100 new members who have signed up in the last 12 months. But she added that it is not hard to get involved in genealogy.

"I'd venture to say that anybody who enjoys detective novels or mysteries will love genealogy," she said. "It's quite addicting."

James said the genealogy section on the second floor of the library is well used. In the last half of 1989, 312 people signed a research register. Of those, 179 were researching Illinois ancestors; the researchers came from 42 different cities. The library received inquiries in the mail from Germany and England.

"But the people get so excited when they find

Tips on where to dig in

If you are ready to begin searching for your roots, here are a few tips:

"Start by recording all the vital statistics that you can about yourself and your immediate family. Include things like birth dates, baptism dates, confirmation dates, marriage dates and death dates."

"Your oldest living relative is often a good place to go looking for information. See what they can remember about your family."

"You should document all dates with records from churches, county, city or hospitals. Until you have verified information, always write it in pencil in case it has to be changed later."

"Obtain a stack of personal history sheets, family charts and family group sheets on which to record information."

something," she added.

The society meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, at the Elks Club, 1481 S. Illinois St. Dues are \$10 a year. Guests are always welcome at the meetings.

Family

Salon donates to fund

St. Clair Salon 148 of 8/40 met Monday, Feb. 22, at the O'Fallon American Legion Home.

Social activities chairman Betty Wellman reported the 60th Anniversary birthday party for the salon has been changed. The event is now scheduled for March 18 at Char's Restaurant in Collinsville.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Partners may bring a guest to the evening of fun and fellowship.

An auction also is planned with proceeds going toward the Nurses' Scholarship Fund. Each member is asked to bring a wrapped gift, costing \$4 or more, to be auctioned. Reservations may be made with Wellman by March 14.

A memorial gift to the Nurse's Scholarship Fund was given by Helen Menendez in memory of Anna Hegger, mother of Past Chapeau Agnes Hartman.

The group's next regular meeting will take place on April 23 in Granite City. Hostesses will be Kathie Barks, Barbara Weathers and Pat Miller.

Secretaries enjoy progressive dinner

The Granite City Association of Education Secretaries held a progressive dinner on Feb. 26, starting at 6 p.m. at Melanie McFarland's residence where the group sampled many different salads.

At the residence of Marge Burdge, the next stop on the progressive dining event, a short business meeting was conducted and the main course was served.

Association members then continued to the home of Sharon Parker for the dessert segment of the meal.

Organizations

Enjoying the evening were Berta Milonis, Betty Grote, Lee Guenther, Vivian Broadwater, Arlene Haldeman, Nancy Rosales, Gladys Wallace, Sharon Parker, Barbara Schreiber, Annette Landman, Arlene Smith, Dorothy Luckert, Marge King.

Barb Dickerson, June Mercer, Helen Toncoff, Wanda Page, Marcella Pilcher, Dorothy Lerner, Marge Burdge, Donna Swanson, Melanie McFarland, Lucie Rucke, Georganne Georgeff, Sonya Ohanesian, Betty Harris, Harriet Mercer and Connie Cornelison.

Theta Iota holds recent meetings

Theta Iota, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met in the home of Cecelia Kamacho.

The meeting was called to order by President Miriam Taylor, and Recording Secretary Cecelia Kamacho took roll call. She then read the minutes from the last meeting.

In absence of the chapter's treasurer, Cecelia Kamacho gave the treasurer's report. After a brief business meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

The hostess then served refreshments to the following members and guest: Miriam Taylor, Debbie Antognoli, Betty Taylor, GG Kamacho, Joyce Alexander and Minnie Kamacho.

The chapter met again recently in the home of Miriam Taylor. Members discussed plans for their Christmas party, which is held in March. Also discussed were plans for members to attend Founder's Day in April.

The meeting was then adjourned with the closing ritual.

TINY WINNER: Katl Ann Long won a trophy as second runner-up in the Tiny Miss Heart Pageant in the 13 to 18-month age group Feb. 11 at the Granite City Township Hall. She is the daughter of Tim and Kathy Long and grand-daughter of Laverne Plebanek, Richard and Linda Hunt and Richard and Brenda Long. Katl's great-grandparents are Jean Bellings and Homer and Ann Long.



Old-timers do dutch treat for breakfast

Maxine Duniphan covers the Mitchell area for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 831-2714.

The Old-Timers Coffee Clutch Club met at McDonald's Restaurant on Illinois 111 for its regular Wednesday Dutch Treat breakfast.

The club, whose members are former Mitchell Boy Scout leaders, holds a notable record of achievement. The nine members present represented about 270 years of devotion to Scouting.

The spokesman for the group said, "We relish our days in Scouting, world affairs and old cars, but there are some things left alone."

Present were: LeRoy Stark, Carl Aldridge, Zane Miller, Floyd Jordan, Dave Ferguson, Ralph Thomas, C.W. Martin, the Rev. Willard Myers and Marvin Wiedemer.

Susie Warren of Warnock Street hosted the Feb. 23 meeting of the Canasta Club.

The club, organized in Madison 41 years ago, still meets once a month and has one charter member, Faye Ryan. The group meets in alternate homes each month to play canasta, share refreshments and to take home the winner's prize.

Others present were: Janice Wolf, Kathy Keek, Alice Warren, Willdean Walker and Doralee Peach.

Members of the Camera Explorers Club, with members from Mitchell, East Alton and Wood River, met at the Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorn.

The subject of the month was macro-photography. Photographs were displayed, judged and critiqued.

In the second segment of the program, member Earl Nailor gave a slide presentation with background music. The presentation, "Rhapsody in Lights," was a project two years in the making. His program included a demonstration of the unusual projection equipment he used, a short discussion on the techniques used in light photography, and the type of camera equipment used to get the desired effect.

Membership is open. Those who wish more information may call Bev Zagar at 254-9394.

Members of the Johnson



Maxine Duniphan

Road General Baptist Church, 2033 Johnson Road, are planning a service March 18 to launch their "Spring into Spring with 70 Sunday."

Services will be led by the pastor, the Rev. Gene Lineberry. Sunday School will begin at 8:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Those who wish more information or transportation may call Faye Ryan at 931-4161.

Clifford and Maxine Duniphan of Chouteau Avenue hosted a dinner party recently for Tom and Delores Scott. Following dinner, the Scotts were entertained by the Silver Strings, a country and gospel music group.

Also in attendance were Vernon and Marg Culpepper, Sam and Adie May Murphy, Jack and Lucy Colbert, and Melvin Moneymaker.

A video of this and other family events is being made by Mrs. Duniphan to be sent to her niece, Annette Deckard, and her husband, Andy, who are stationed in Germany.

Brownies of the month have been announced for students at Mitchell School.

Crystal McGlawn, daughter of Ron and Angie McGlawn, a second-grade student at Mitchell School, was the only girl in District 4 to sell more than 400 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. She sold 487 boxes and was awarded a Girl Scout porcelain doll on Jan. 6 at the monthly Girl Scout District meeting.

The Brownie of the Month for February was Jamie Alexander, a member of Troop 27, Mitchell School, for perfect attendance and wearing her uniform to every meeting.

The Brownie of the Month for November was Charlene Barnett, Troop 27, for her caring, sharing and politeness.

Brownies of the Month for December were Alania Forsy, Crystal Davis and Nicole Voss, for perfect attendance during November, Troop 27.

Brownies of the Month for



Kim Ebrecht



Alania Forsy



Crystal McGlawn



Jamie Alexander



January were Crystal McGlawn for perfect attendance, wearing her uniform to every meeting and caring and sharing; Sunset Bristow, for good attendance in December and caring and sharing; and Kim Ebrecht, for good attendance in December and caring and Sharing, Troop 27.



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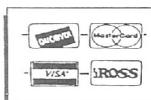
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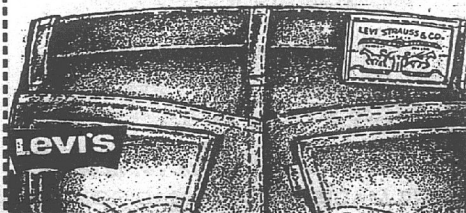
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Briefly

'Gold cards' offered

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is extending the "Gold Cougar Card" to area high school honor roll students again this year.

The card enables students to attend cultural, athletic and entertainment events on the SIUE campus at university student admission rates.

For some events, such as the university's Arts and Issues series, the card entitles its bearers to admission at the student rate of \$2.50.

The program series this year features renowned speakers, such as Dr. Helen Caldwell and entertainers like Loretta Livingston and Dancers, and the American Boychoir.

The Gold Cougar Card may also be used to attend university theater productions and most athletic events at SIUE student rates, including basketball games and track and field activities.

The university initiated the card as a means of recognizing outstanding academic achievement among high school students.

The card is available to honor roll students at high schools within a 75-mile radius of the university. Students may obtain application forms for the card from their principals.

International food bar at SIUE

"The Passport," an international food bar in the University Center cafeteria of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, opened Feb. 28. Service will be available Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We felt there was a need for this type of service, the offering of international dishes which have never been available on a daily basis to our university community," said G. William Crabb, director of SIUE's University Food Service.

"We hope the service will be particularly attractive to our many international students on campus."

Greek shish kabab, Oriental chicken-fried rice, German kielbasa and Indian curried chicken will be served along with food from France, Italy and the United States.

Customers purchasing an entree will receive a passport card. Upon earning 10 stamps to place on the card, a customer will receive a free entree of his or her choice.

Young authors in contest

One hundred and ninety-two students at Parkview School submitted manuscripts to be judged for the 1990 young authors competition.

The purpose of the Young Author Conference is to support classroom teachers in their efforts to improve students' writing and reading abilities.

Eight manuscripts have been selected for judging at the district level. The eight qualifying manuscripts and authors are:

"The Case of the Missing Jewels" by Jeff Logsdon; "Fee Wee, the Sports Failure" by Glen Wolfe; "The Pencil's Bad Day" by Shanna Keel; "The Missing Numbers" by Chad Kleindorfer.

"How to Get Rid of Bees and Mosquitoes" by Chris Hatfield; "The Great Mother-Daughter Switch" by Jamie Warren; "The Magic Stick" by Mindy Dowdy; and "Emma and Her Wonderful Book" by Summer Kosuge.

If any of these manuscripts are selected as district finalists, the authors will qualify to attend the 16th statewide Young Authors Conference to be held at Illinois State University in Normal.

Realtors offer scholarship

The Granite City Board of Realtors has announced the availability of scholarships through the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation of the Illinois Association of Realtors.

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The foundation awards six to 10 scholarships each year. Applications must be completed and submitted by May 1, along with course transcripts and letters of recommendation.

Applications are currently being accepted for the scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$2,000.

Early dismissal in Madison

Early dismissal dates have been changed for Madison District 12 elementary and Middle School students for teachers' meetings on comprehension skills.

The correct dates for 2 p.m. dismissals are as follows: Blair School, March 15; Middle School, March 19; and Harris School, March 21.

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REFLECTIONS: Winners in Parkview's arts contest.

Reflections winners named at Parkview

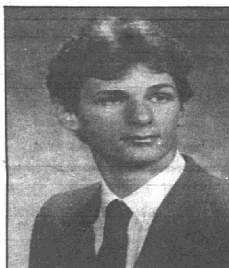
One hundred and twenty-six students at Parkview School submitted entries to the PTA Reflections competition.

Reflections is a cultural arts activity that encourages students to produce original works in literature, music, photography and visual arts. This year's theme was "Where Does The Sky End?"

Winners at the building level included — Primary Literature: Ashley Bywater (1st), Kim Boone (2nd), Chris Lemler (3rd), and Heather Coleman (honorable mention); Intermediate Literature: Anna Hollis (1st), Tricia Cavins (2nd); Summer Kosuge (3rd), and Jennifer Brown (honorable mention).

Primary Photography: Nathan Bain (1st) and Steven Schroeder (2nd); Intermediate Photography: Katie Dellamano (3rd), and Mark Mendenhall (honorable mention); Primary Visual Arts: Jamie Debeaux (1st), Nicholas Lewis (2nd), Nathan Bain (3rd), and Tim Kosuge (honorable mention); and Intermediate Visual Arts: Paul Holloway (1st), Denise McMillan (2nd), Mark Mendenhall (3rd), and Jason Hall (honorable mention).

Building level entries were sent to the Granite City Area PTA Council for further consideration. Winners at the area council level will advance for judging by the Illinois PTA District 29.



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Granite student graduates Baptist

Rebecca Soden of Granite City graduated from Missouri Baptist College recently. Soden was on the Dean's List for the fall 1989 semester. She is married to Terry Soden.

Mitchell teen heading to Russia for summer

William Lehman Starr has been selected as a member of the People to People Friendship Caravan that will tour Russia this summer.

The People to People Friendship Caravan is a student exchange program between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Program Director Karl Van Amberg said, "The program had its most exciting and most meaningful student exchange ever to take place between the two countries in 1989, following two years of planning by joint U.S.-Soviet committees."

"The 1989 escorted caravan spent 75 days traveling through the Soviet Union on a goodwill mission."

"High standards are required for this selection."

"Acceptance to the program reflects the confidence of the screening committee in the students' ability to contribute to the success of the delegation and to meet the challenges of serving as representatives of their country, their community and their school."

Starr, 17, is a junior at Granite City High School. He maintains a high grade point level and is interested in the Russian people and their culture. He enjoys riding dirt bikes, building models and racing remote-control trucks.

He is employed at the new Remington's Restaurant in Ponton Beach.

Starr and the other members of the caravan will meet in



William L. Starr
... Friendship Caravan

Washington, D.C., July 7. There they will tour the city before boarding the plane for Moscow on July 10.

From Moscow, the caravan will visit Kiev, Odessa, Kherson, Zaporozh, Denpropt and other cities still to be announced, before returning to Moscow for the trip home.

Starr lives with his parents, Paul and Donna Bernheisel, at 604 Ashland Ave., Mitchell.

The family moved here two years ago when Bernheisel's job was transferred here from Buffalo, N.Y.

Student competes for scholarship

Charlie Smith of Granite City, recently competed for a three-quarter tuition Presidential Scholarship at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill.

The scholarships are worth three-quarters of the tuition cost at the private, four-year liberal arts college and are renewable for a period of four years to students of high academic ability and achievement.

Applicants were interviewed by a panel of faculty members, current students, and staff members of the college. Students were also required to write an essay on one of seven topics.

To be eligible to compete for the scholarship, students must rank in the top 10 percent of their class and have an ACT composite score of 28 or higher, or an SAT composite score of 1150. Only students previously admitted to the college are considered for the award.

Social Work Week begins March 11

Gov. James R. Thompson has proclaimed March 11-17 as School Social Work Week in Illinois.

School social work is a service provided jointly to local students in Granite City, Madison and Venice school districts under the local direction of Steve Balda, Region I Director of Special Education. Five social workers serve students under Balda's direction: Jim DeLeonardis, Mary Beth Gordon, Nancy Mathews, Richard Speckhart and Lela Prince.

The social workers primarily work with students who are experiencing special problems that affect their social, emotional or academic growth.

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United Way picks officers, board

GRANITE CITY — The Tri-Cities Area United Way victory luncheon, celebrating the community's successful United Way campaign, also provided the setting for election of leaders for the new year.

More than 140 people gathered at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church to participate in the event.

Drew Karandjeff, 1989 campaign chairman, gave a final report on the successful results of the fund-raising campaign.

"This community has shown exemplary volunteer spirit and

"This community has shown exemplary volunteer spirit ... meeting area needs."

— Drew Karandjeff

commitment in working together toward a common goal of meeting area needs," Karandjeff said.

He is chairman of the Central Banc System.

Elmer Wortham, vice president and cashier of Magna Bank of Madison County, was elected to shoulder the duties of retiring United Way president Ben Johannpeter, a Granite City

Steel executive now in a newly assigned position at the steel company.

Other United Way officers elected were Paul Raczewicz, vice president; Carol Squires, secretary; and Paul Costello, treasurer.

Fourteen new board members were elected for three-year terms and will join existing members in overseeing the man-

agement, operation, planning and development of the organization.

They are Rosemarie Brown, Paul Costello, Bill Davison, Dr. Paul Doroughazi, Dennis Harper, Don Houk, Richard Kearns, Wayne Lanter, Dennis Orsey, Dr. Kanoo Patel, Paul Raczewicz, George Smith, the Rev. Ralph Totten and Jerry Zaegari. Standing committees will be chaired by Kathy Clark, communications; Orville Mercer, allocations; Don Houk, priorities and planning; and Drew Karandjeff, nominating.

Distribution of surplus food set

Officials in Nameoki and Venice townships and at the Salvation Army have announced that surplus government commodities will be distributed on Wednesday, March 14.

Chouteau Township will distribute the surplus food on Friday, March 16.

Commodities will include corn meal, butter, flour, peanut butter, green beans, vegetarian beans and honey.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis by ticket number received as an individual enters the door at the centers.

The Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., will conduct its distribution of surplus food to Granite City Township residents starting at 8 a.m.

Venice Township will give out commodities beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison.

Nameoki Township will give out commodities starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Nameoki Township building, 4250 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township will give out commodities for its residents

starting at 8 a.m. at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

To be eligible to receive commodities, persons must be the head of a household or the spouse, have their Social Security number, and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the guidelines.

Recipients are to bring some proof of residency other than a driver's license or voter registration card.

An unpaid utility bill, a property tax statement, a current rent receipt, the address or a public aid card or medical card is adequate, officials have said.

Monthly income guidelines are as follows: one-person family, \$223; two in the family, \$335; three persons, \$1,048; four persons, \$1,260; five persons, \$1,473; six persons, \$1,685; seven persons, \$1,898; eight persons, \$2,110; and \$213 for each additional member of the household.

There is no discrimination against groups of any kind in the food distribution program.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice.

Tuesday - Pizza, french fries, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Wednesday - Deep fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Thursday - Tuna salad sandwich, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Friday - Cod fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, creamed corn, chilled peaches.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Hamburger with meat sauce, buttered corn, pears.

Tuesday - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, cookies.

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, potato chips, fruit cup.

Thursday - Fried chicken, oven baked fries, fruit gelatin.

Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, garden peas, pineapple upside-down cake.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, cookies.

Tuesday - Johnny Marzetti bake, lima beans, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday - Beef stew, pickled beets, corn bread, apple sauce.

Thursday - Hobo sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, corn, cake and fruit.

Friday - Fish nuggets, au gratin potatoes, fruit cocktail.

Holy Family

Monday - Hot dog on bun, french fries, baked beans, carrot and cel-

ery sticks, peaches.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, cheese chunks, apple sauce, cupcake.

Wednesday - Ravioli with meat sauce, corn, salad, cookie.

Thursday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding.

Friday - Nachos with cheese sauce, peas, slaw, peanut buttered bread, lime Jello.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries, buttered vegetable, peanut butter candy.

Tuesday - Steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetable, peach cobbler.

Wednesday - Cheese pups on bun, tater tots, buttered vegetable, fruit juice ice.

Thursday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetable, pumpkin bars.

Friday - Nachos and cheese, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, buttered vegetable, blueberry muffin and fruit.

Head Start

Monday - Meat loaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, tomato slices, lettuce leaf, french dressing, apple

Tuesday - Tostitos with ground beef, tossed salad, dressing, green beans.

Wednesday - Pita pocket, gyro meat, lettuce and tomato, carrots

Thursday - Beef and noodle casserole, peas, peaches, roll.

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Obituaries

Chapman

Robert Hoggett Chapman, 34, of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Edwardsville, was pronounced dead early Saturday morning, March 10, 1990 at his residence in Minneapolis.

Born Aug. 15, 1955, in St. Louis, Mr. Chapman attended Edwardsville schools. He graduated from high school while his family was residing in Guatemala and attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville upon returning to Illinois.

Mr. Chapman had resided in Minneapolis for several years.

Among the survivors are his parents, Attorney Morris and Thelma (Hoggett) Chapman Sr. of Granite City; two brothers, James and Morris Chapman Jr., both of Granite City; three sisters, Mrs. Phillip (Melissa) Rheinecker of Edwardsville, Mrs. James (Martha) Leary of Columbus, Ind., and Mrs. Greg (Amy) McCamus of Columbus, Ohio.

His maternal grandmother, Gertrude Hoggett, died Feb. 24, 1990.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway Ave. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, 2901 Nameoki Road.

Wyatt

Willis W. Wyatt, 83, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 1990 at Elmhurst Nursing Home. He had been ill five years and at the nursing home one week.

Born Jan. 25, 1907, in Roodhouse, Mr. Wyatt resided in Edwardsville for 17 years. He retired in 1972 from G&M Railroad, where he was employed as a car inspector for 32 years.

Mr. Wyatt was a member of First United Pentecostal Church in Granite City and Railroad Carman's Union.

Surviving are his wife, Blanche (Garrison) Wyatt; two daughters, Mrs. James (Mercedes) Hutson of Edwardsville and Mrs. Roy (Joyce) Mast of Plano, Texas; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation starts at 3 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Pentecostal Church, 2450 Pontoon Road, with the Rev. Kenneth R. Brown officiating. Burial will be at Fernwood Cemetery, Roodhouse. The family suggests memorials to the Church School.

Hastings

Elsie Marie (Horst) Hastings, 73, of Granite City died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 1990 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she was a patient for three weeks.

Born Sept. 28, 1916, at Dalton, Ohio, Mrs. Hastings resided in Granite City since 1956. She was a member of Our Lord's Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

Mrs. Hastings and her husband, Richard, were married Nov. 9, 1938. Mr. Hastings survives.

Beside her husband also surviving are two daughters, Lynanne Kleher of Belleville and Rochelle Zahn of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, Vernon Horst of Ashland, Ohio; six sisters, Ruth Burke and Marybelle Vahlha, both of Canton, Ohio, Grace Reichel, Edith Robinson and Betty Reichel, all of Massillon, Ohio, and Erma Musser of Akron, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Gary Hastings in 1950, a brother, Adam Horst, and a sister, Laura Pollock.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Michael Spatz at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road. Burial will be Tuesday at Alliance City Cemetery, Alliance, Ohio. Friends called Friday at Irwin.

Brokaw

Rebecca Rhea Brokaw, 30, of East Alton, formerly of Granite City, was pronounced dead by Madison County Deputy Coroner Roger Smith at 12:44 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 1990 after she sustained injuries in a traffic accident on Illinois 111, one-half mile north of East Chain of Rocks Road.

Born July 24, 1959, in Granite City, Miss Brokaw had resided in East Alton for 12 years. She was of the Catholic faith and was a former member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kenneth (Judy Breyer) Brokaw of East Alton; two brothers, Eric and Brian Brokaw, both of Bethalto; a sister, Pamela Cox of Collinsville; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin (Lela) Brokaw of Granite City.

Visitation starts at 4 p.m. Monday at Mercer Mortuary, 2200 Pontoon Road, where funeral arrangements are pending. Friends may call 876-4321 for details.

Anderson

John Quincy Anderson, 64, of Granite City was pronounced dead at his home at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 9, 1990 by Madison County Deputy Coroner Edward Werner.

Mr. Anderson was found lying on the floor of a bedroom by a friend who shared the duplex apartment.

Born Dec. 21, 1925, in Cromwell, Okla., Mr. Anderson resided only a short time in Granite City, moving here from St. Louis.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from March 22, 1944 to Oct. 7, 1946.

Among the survivors is a son, Ted, who is believed to reside in the St. Louis area. Efforts to contact the son have been unsuccessful.

Anyone with information concerning relatives of Mr. Anderson is asked to call Werner Chapel at 797-1009.

Gillespie

Etta Gillespie, 80, of Eagle Park died at 5:55 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for seven days.

Mrs. Gillespie was born June 14, 1909, in Blytheville, Ark., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for the past year. She was a member of St. Luke's Baptist Church, Augusta, Ark.

She is survived by three sons, Charles Ryland of Van Nuys, Calif., and Melvin Gillespie and Fred Raspberry, both of Flint, Mich.; six daughters, Mrs. Arlene Nash of California, Mrs. Gloria Knox of Flint, Mrs. Judy Turner and Mrs. Jeannette Higgins, both of Los Angeles, Miss Barbara Gillespie of Cleveland and Mrs. Theresa Brown of Madison; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Bernice Foster of El Paso, Texas, and Mrs. Thelma Eggleston, Mrs. Tina Brown and Mrs. Jean Foster, all of Chicago; one brother, C.S. McClelland of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Thelma of Chicago; 51 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Mississauga Ave., East St. Louis, today (Sunday) from 2 to 9 p.m., with wake services held from 7 to 9 p.m. She will be taken to Augusta, Ark., for funeral services Tuesday at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Baptist Church, with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial will be at Now Quiet Cemetery, Augusta.



Rose Ann Brake

Rose Ann (Conway) Brake, 88, of Pontoon Beach was pronounced dead at her home at 12:10 p.m. Friday, March 9, 1990 by Deputy Coroner Ed Werner. She had been ill for four and a half years.

Mrs. Brake was born Sept. 9, 1901, in St. Louis and had lived in Pontoon Beach for about six years. She formerly resided in Pocatam, Ill. for a number of years.

A former tavern owner in St. Louis, she retired and sold the business in 1961. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Brake, in 1961. They were married June 15, 1918, in St. Louis.

Surviving are a sister, Leona Watson, of Pontoon Beach, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, from 3-9 p.m. with a wake service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Pontoon and Johnson roads, by the Rev. Don Wolford at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis. The family suggests Masses as memorials.

Converse

Amelia "Leggie" (Weeks) Converse, 69, of Granite City died at 11:05 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for 1½ weeks.

She was born June 3, 1920, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Converse was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Raylene Broshier of Indiana; three sisters, Sybil Larkin and Pansy Grove, both of Granite City, and Thelma Walner of Edwards-

ville; one brother, Vernon Weeks of Jacksonville, Fla.; a grandson, Terri Biggs of Kentucky, and granddaughter, Renee Biggs of Granite City; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., with the Rev. Fred Boatwright officiating. Burial was at Valley View Gardens of Memory, Edwardsville.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Ficker

Charles W. Ficker, 75, of Granite City died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient since Feb. 10. He had been ill for 1½ years.

Mr. Ficker was born on Sept. 27, 1914, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident. He was a self-employed truck driver in the hauling business.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen; son, Jack Ficker of Edwardsville; two daughters, Mrs. James (Shirley) Large of Granite City and Janet Franklin of Florida; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard, where funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Dennis

Dorothy E. (Burris) Dennis, 86, formerly of Venice, died at 8:02 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 1990, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She had been ill several years and at the hospital one day. She had been living for the past two years at Edwardsville Care Center West.

Mrs. Dennis was born April 25, 1903, in Venice and resided there most of her life. She had been a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one son, Earl Dennis of Crestwood; one daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Wilma) Cooper of Granite City; one brother, Leland Burris of Kirtsville, Mo.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Ray Dennis, in 1962.

Private graveside services were held Saturday at St. John Cemetery in Granite City. Arrangements were by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

Madison

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or more other small communities to qualify for a \$50,000 grant from the state.

The Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources has available 25 \$50,000 grants for recycling. But the grants are earmarked for communities of 20,000 or more.

Bellocq said it might be possible for communities of less than 20,000 to band together to get a grant.

But Chalovich said his only discussion with Bellocq involved the possibility of Madison and Granite City banding together to apply for a state grant.

Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse said he had talked informally with Bellocq about the state grants, but he said the discussion did not involve any sort of partnership. Granite City, with its population of about 35,000, would not necessarily form a partnership with another municipality.

The application deadline for the state grants is April 16, Chalovich said. The grant recipients will be announced May 23.

Venice

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The proposal also calls for installing new lighting and landscaping along Broadway.

Alderman Silver Franklin, the head of a committee appointed by the city to study how best to use federal Community Development funds, says the widening of Broadway between the library and the recreation center would provide additional parking.

"What we need is not more parking facilities for the library and liquor business and for the rich to get richer," Harrell said.

Franklin says the widening of Broadway is a necessary step for Venice to capitalize on anticipated growth along Illinois Route 3.

"Make our city a vital part of this growth," Franklin said.

Lottery

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Local 799, county in mediation

By Bob Sauer
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Negotiators for Madison County and Local 799 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents about 350 Madison County employees, met with a mediator Tuesday and will do so again Friday, according to an AFSCME spokesman.

AFSCME had requested the mediation in its contract talks with the Madison County board.

Bob Brown, AFSCME staff representative, said the two sides have been negotiating without success since October.

Local 799's three-year contract expired Nov. 30 with the end of

the fiscal year. However, the employees agreed to continue working under the terms of the old pact until a new agreement is reached.

The union is blaming the slow pace at Madison County on stalling tactics used by Executive Services, a private consulting firm that has been hired by the county to help it act as its representative in negotiations.

"For years, we have negotiated directly with the county," Brown said. "Then Judy Nelson (an Executive Services employee) comes in and says we have to rewrite the contract from scratch."

"They have been dragging their feet since October, while Executive Services' fees eat up

the money that should provide raises for our members."

Jim Monday, county administrator, who is sitting in on the negotiations, said the board adopted a policy two years ago to use a hired negotiator.

In response to union charges on the slow pace of the talks, Monday said, "We have been working on rewriting the language in the contract. We got to the point that it would benefit both sides to revise the language."

Union representatives said unresolved issues include county proposals to reduce sick leave and restrict the circumstances under which employees will receive overtime pay.

Also unresolved is a union pro-

posal that the employer pay part of the cost of health insurance for workers' family members.

Monday said the union is seeking to increase the sick leave days from 15 to 18; the county is proposing to decrease the sick leave days to 12.

The union also is looking to increase vacation days, personal leave days and holidays, he said.

AFSCME Local 799 includes office workers, maintenance workers, and employees in the offices of the recorder of deeds, county clerk and auditor, as well as some employees in the sheriff's department.

No strike action has been discussed, Brown said.

Simon opposes postal rate hike

By Jason Moody
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Paul Simon is siding with a coalition of about 90 trade groups which plan to lobby the Postal Rate Commission against the announced price increases.

The Illinois Democrat sent a letter in late February to Janet Steiger, chairman of the commission, calling the 5-cent, 20 percent increase on first-class mail "entirely too large."

His position is supported by a coalition of heavy mail users,

from United Parcel Service to Newsweek, which plan to present legal arguments to the commission before it makes its final decision next February.

In his letter to Steiger, Simon said postal rate hikes should not exceed cost-of-living increases. Living costs have grown by 9 percent since the price of a stamp went from 20 to 25 cents in 1988.

"I've always favored keeping postal rates as low as possible, because communication is one of the cornerstones of a free and

open society," Simon said in his letter, also sent to the U.S. Postal Service.

During the next 10 months, the commission will preside over what now becomes a legal case. Thirty groups are expected to challenge the Postal Service request.

"These groups do this every time there is a postal increase and they are a well-oiled machine," said a spokesman at the commission's general counsel office.

With the Postal Reorganization

Act of 1971, Congress replaced the old Post Office Department with a more market-driven service.

This change has resulted in reduced service and increased prices, according to the newly formed Residential Postal Action Group, led by consumer activist Ralph Nader.

"From 1971 to 1990, the price of a first-class stamp has increased 21 cents," said Nader. "From 1938 to 1971, the price of a first-class stamp increased by only 3 cents."

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Briefly

New stretching class offered

GRANITE CITY — Don't hate growing old — work it out in the new exercise and stretch class titled Stretching for Relaxation. That's the advice from the Going Strong Wellness Center, a department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Designed for people of all ages and ability levels, this class features a physical workout which conserves energy instead of using it.

"It provides individuals with techniques for attaining fitness, suppleness and vitality without exertion," said Dawn Brenkendorf, class instructor.

A peaceful, non-competitive exercise program, this class will also "help you learn about your body and its needs," said Brenkendorf, "and help develop your own personal potential which can lead to a fitness program that will last a lifetime."

"Stretching relaxes the mind and tunes up the body. Stretching also increases one's range of motion, promotes circulation and develops body awareness."

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, March 13 to May 3, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., in the Wellness Center, 2105 Iowa St. Cost is \$24.

For information or to register, the number is 798-3WEL.

APA visits Sanctuary

The Association for the Protection of Animals of Granite City visited the Open Door Animal Sanctuary in House Springs, Mo., March 3.

Both shelters are similar in that they have no-kill policies; animals are not destroyed.

After APA members toured the Open Door compound, the group discussed policies and procedures of both organizations, as well as future goals and expectations at the shelters.

APA members attending were Rose Atkins, Judy Gordon, Betty Hardison, Mickey Henson, Richard Henson, Thelma Mitchell and Norma Ruhl.

Sweatshirt painting offered

The Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College is offering a sweatshirt painting class to the community. This class is part of the Saturday Experience program at the college.

The "No Sweat" sweatshirt painting class is offered on March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Each class has a different design, so an individual can sign up for one, two or all four of the classes.

The classes will meet from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Nikki Keeton, a Granite City resident and Belleville Area College student, will be the instructor.

The cost is an \$8 fee (paid to GCC) and a \$10 supply fee (paid to the instructor). Participants should also bring their own sweatshirt.

The Granite City Campus can be called at 931-0600 to register or to get more information about the sweatshirt painting classes.

Early retirement approved

The trustees of Belleville Area College have approved an Early Retirement Incentive Program for faculty members.

The voluntary program, an outgrowth of collective bargaining conducted during the summer of 1989, will enable faculty members to retire from full-time responsibilities while remaining professionally active.

Any of the 25 eligible faculty members who opt to participate will have an opportunity to teach up to five courses or 20 semester credit hours per year. Participants will also be eligible for college-paid medical insurance or a cash supplement of up to \$5,000.

The plan, combining a retirement annuity with part-time teaching responsibilities and medical insurance, was designed to provide a viable retirement income for faculty members who elect to participate by April 15.

"This plan addresses all of the major concerns expressed by the faculty during the planning stages," explained BAC President Joseph J. Cipri. "It provides a secure retirement for those who sign on, and BAC still has the benefit of their continued association."

"These seasoned professionals will still be on hand to lend their talent and expertise to our instructional offerings."

School officials estimate that the plan may save up to \$1.2 million over the next 11 years.

Asadorian, McKinney will lead bike-athons

Todd Worrell, St. Louis baseball Cardinals ace reliever and chairman of the Gateway Chapter of the Leukemia Society, is announcing that Art Asadorian, president of Granite City Fire Fighters Local 288, and Position Beach Police Sgt. Daniel McKinney will lead bike-athon fund-

raising activities this spring.

All funds generated will support research and patient aid by the Leukemia Society of America.

Leukemia is a disease of the blood-forming tissues. Millions of abnormal and useless white blood cells are formed and are

carried throughout the body by the bloodstream and the lymph system. These cells crowd out and slow production of red blood cells and platelets vital to the body's continuous functions.

Leukemia is often mistaken as a childhood disease. While it causes the deaths of more chil-

ren than any other disease, eight times as many adults are stricken each year.

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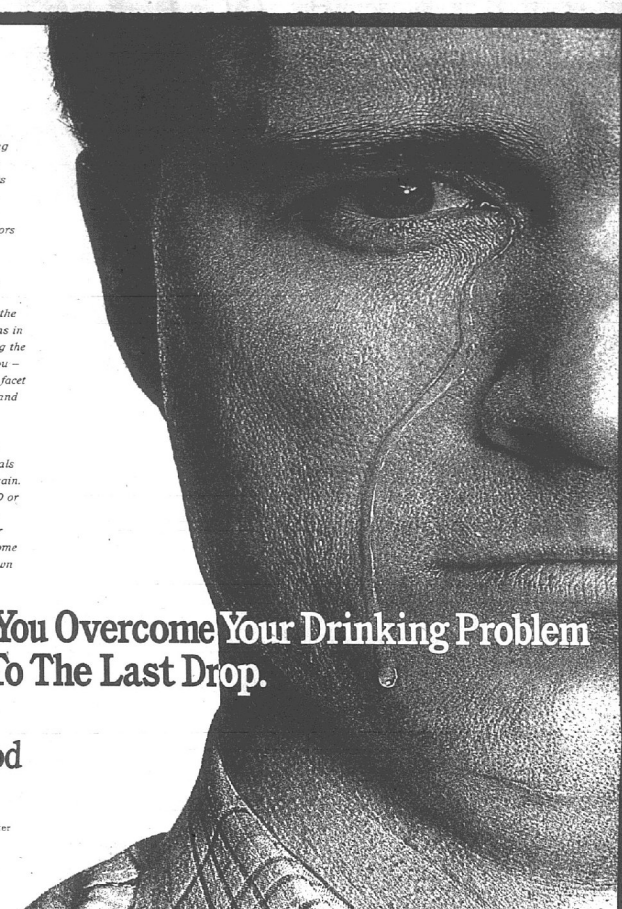
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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—This was supposed to be an important and busy spring for Steve Braun and Mike Roarke. Braun, the Cardinals' new hitting coach, was going to use his time in Florida to make some philosophical changes in the team's approach to hitting.

For Roarke, the pitching coach, this was to be the spring he watched all of his recovering pitchers — Danny Cox, John Tudor, Greg Mathews and Rick Horton — to determine who was ready and in a position to help the team when the regular season began.

But instead of spending their days in batting cages and standing behind the pitching mound, Braun and Roarke are a long way from Florida, at their homes, simply sitting and waiting for the lockout to end so they can pack their bags and get to work.

"We just do like everybody else, read the paper in the morning and listen to the news and wait for something to happen," Braun said from his home in Minneapolis. "Every day the lockout continues it hurts the things that we wanted to accomplish."

Said Roarke, who still has snow on the ground at his house in Cranston, R.I., "We just see if there's been any progress, then we go on about our everyday business, whatever comes up."

For Braun, this spring was supposed to be the time to continue the work he started over the winter with Vince Coleman, changing his style of hitting, and teaching Coleman and the other Cardinals some other basic rules of hitting that Braun wants them to employ.

"It (the lockout) has hurt my program with Vince," Braun said. "When you are making some pretty substantial changes in a guy it is going to take time before it all starts to sink in."

"What I had wanted to use this spring for was analysis, to see the players in the games, in batting practice, and form some opinions and get some ideas about what could help them improve. I wanted to stress a lot more that we have to pay attention to situational-type hitting more."

Before spring training was scheduled to start, Braun sent a memo to all of the Cardinals telling them the things he wanted them to work on this spring and emphasizing that he was going to be looking for players skilled in fundamentals.

"It's obvious the manager wants some changes in the place in the hitting part of our game," Braun said. "I wanted to remind them that the way the Cardinals will manage is to get guys on base, move them around and get them in. We've got to have a full spring to make the plate in certain situations."

"Spring training is where you get all of that across. When you don't have a full spring you're not going to be able to do that. We're going to be backed up a little bit."

Roarke also will feel the pressure of a shortened spring training. He wanted to see how all his injured pitchers were recovering, and make some decisions about who was ready and who needed more time.

"To this point most of our guys know what they need to do," Roarke said. "We wouldn't know how the guys were really doing and if they were going to have any more problems until later in the spring."

"But the shorter time we have, the harder it's going to be for some guys. It will hurt some of the younger guys that we've got as much time as we have at. It's unfortunate, but we have no control over it."

Roarke said one of the hardest parts of dealing with the lockout is not knowing when it will end — the next day, in a week or two weeks.

"You're almost at a loss because there's no time limit, you don't know when it's going to end," he said. "It won't take me long to get there when they say go."

Braun said if he gets any indication that the lockout is going to end, he might try to come to St. Louis and get in some more work with Coleman before they

Lincoln
wins again!By Mike Kelly
Staff writer

EAST ST. LOUIS — Postseason experience is a tremendous asset come state tournament time.

East St. Louis Lincoln, which was left for dead entering the postseason, has worked its way to the Carbondale Super-section 2 and a step away from a fourth straight trip to the state tournament. The Tigers used an aggressive inside game to wipe out a three-point halftime deficit on Friday and defeated Collinsville 60-51 in the East St. Louis Sectional championship game.

But it took a gutsy effort by Cuozzo Martin (21 points and

nine rebounds), who was playing on a gimpy knee, and the outside shooting of Maurice Horton (15 points), who exploded for 13 points in the final period, to spark the comeback.

"The coaches were getting on me to take the outside shot," said Horton. "Their defense was starting to sag inside on Cuozzo, so it gave me the open jumper and I just got hot. But having Cuozzo in the zone up really pushed us down the stretch, especially with him playing on his bad knee."

"Cuozzo tried to tell me yesterday (Thursday) that he always walks like that (with a limp), but you could see the guy was in pain. And when someone

is willing to play under those conditions, then you've got to make his effort worthwhile. His performance gave us the extra push we needed to win this game. And having Cuozzo on the

floor is a big boost to our team, especially at this point in the season. The Tigers (19-7), who trailed

throughout the first half and played the second half under protest, finally took their first lead of the game on a layup by Chris McKinney (nine points) with 3:48 to play in the third quarter. The game then saw saved back-and-forth until Horton nailed a three-pointer from the top of the key that gave Lincoln the lead for good, 43-42, with 6:41 to play in the game. The Tigers then led the contest away at the free throw line.

The protest concerned Martin who supposedly picked up his third foul with 27 seconds left in the first half. The official book only had him penciled in for two personal fouls. But following a lengthy discussion by the offi-

cials (Greg Jones and Mike Devinning) it was decided that Martin had three fouls, which brought about the protest. But that issue was forgotten at the end of the game.

"Our goal is to reach Champaign," said Martin. "That's why our efforts to date have been so strong. We're three-time defending state champions and we want to go out as winners. It's been a trying season, but making up for it now in the tournament."

"I told the guys that we could reach the state tournament again, we beat Collinsville," said Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis. "But I really didn't plan on

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Depth, defense key for BAC softball

By Scott Marlow
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE — Melissa Jones' first official game as softball coach at Belleville Area College isn't until Tuesday. But she's feeling more like a veteran all the time.

"The only team I've coached before this was a women's slow-pitch team, so I've had to make the transition to fastpitch," said Jones, 27. "But the school has worked with me in all areas. We've got new uniforms and our field looks the best it's ever looked."

Jones inherits a team which had a 24-15 record last season, including a loss to Kaskaskia in the regional tournament. Five players return from that team; most of the other players were recruited by former coach Nancy Theis.

BAC's roster, heading into Tuesday's 3:30 p.m. home opener against Forest Park Community College, features 19 players. "We have a considerable depth," Jones said. "We have at least two or three girls at every position."

"Our strength is defense—it's hard to get a hit through us. We

also have strong baserunning."

"One area where we need to improve is our hitting. But the reason for our slow start is that the temperature has been 40 degrees. When you swing a bat in that kind of weather and hit a pitch going 38 miles an hour, it's going to hurt."

Three of BAC's sophomores will be starters on the infield: first basemen Jeri Brandenberger (Belleville West), second baseman Babs Touchette (Columbia) and shortstop Chris Brendel (Mascoutah).

"You need to be able to go to your left and right at first base," Jones said. "For a tall girl, Jeri is quick. She's got a good arm and she's going to be our cleanup hitter."

"Babs is the gutsiest player on the team. She goes after the ball without any regard for her body. I've never seen. There are no holes when she takes the field."

Kristie Brueggeman, a freshman from Althoff, is the third baseman. Kathryn Stankula, a freshman from Cahokia, is the starting catcher.

"Stankula's big strength is defense," Jones said. "She's one

of two lefthanders on the team, so we'll use her a lot for bunting."

"You can see my smile when I talk about Kathryn Stankula. She plays her own style of softball. It takes about three seconds for opponents to learn not to mess with her."

The pitching staff for the Dutchwomen features three freshmen: Anissa Rhoda (Cahokia), Lori Neely (Marissa) and Tanya Walter (Mascoutah).

"Lori is our hardest thrower; she's a strikeout pitcher," Jones said. "Tanya is consistent; you can count on a good game from her all seven innings. She could be No. 4 hitter if I put her there."

"Anissa is our most versatile pitcher; she can throw several different pitches. She and Kathryn have played together since grade school. They do a phenomenal job of saving the bullpen."

Two of the outfield positions are set, with Becky Klotz in left and Kelly Muskopf in center. Both are freshmen from Belleville West.

"Becky is also a good catcher, but speed is what makes her a good leftfielder," Jones said.

"She'll probably go through a couple uniforms this year with all the sliding and diving she does. She'll bat No. 1 for us."

"The Klotz-Kelly duo is 'speed.' She could have gone on a full ride to any Division I school; she had offers. She'll bat No. 5 for us and can hit the ball deep."

Possible starters in right field are sophomore Lynn Dickman (Triad) and freshmen Susan Sheppard (Freeburg) and Annette Baker (Westlin).

"Lynn is one of our more talented outfielders, but she just came over from (playing) basketball last Sunday," Jones said. "She needs time to make the transition."

"Susan takes the batting machine and the bats home, and you drive by her house, she's out in the year working on her swing. She's made a commitment to the team."

"Annette is a lefthander, which can come in handy. She's a good defensive player and a good hitter."

Freshman Dana Seipp (Gillespie) is the designated hitter. Freshmen Kelly Klotz (Belleville

West) and Barb Finks (Marissa) are reserve outfielders.

"Dana's strength is hitting," Jones said. "She'll also back up Chris Brendel at shortstop."

"Kelly Klotz is our fastest runner; we'll use her a lot as a pinch-runner. Barb can burn anytime, anywhere against any pitcher and get a hit."

Rounding out the roster are sophomore Melanee Coleman (Valmeyer) and freshmen Monica Kuper (Mater Dei) and Kim Dawson (Althoff).

"We need to find a place for Monica—we can't let her talent go to waste," Jones said. "Most likely we'll use her in the infield or at catcher."

"Kim can play the outfield and will also back up Jeri at first base. She can hit the ball deep."

"Melanee can catch also plays the infield. She's a good hitter."

Upcoming home dates for BAC, all 2 p.m. doubleheaders, include Meramec on Friday, Rend Lake on Saturday and Lewis & Clark on March 22.

Taking a look into crystal ball of '90's

As we are not only celebrating the beginning of the new year, but also a new decade, this annual exercise in crystal ball gazing is a little different. We're looking into the next 12 months, but the next 120.

Yes, it's a sneak preview of the 1990s—the final decade of the 20th century. When the new millennium arrives and all of the following has come true, remember where you heard it first.

Jan. 28, 1990 — Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz believes that although the Denver Broncos lost 49-7 to the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XXIV the Broncos should be voted the NFL champion.

"They didn't play a tougher schedule didn't play no Kansas State," Holtz argues.

Aug. 24, 1990 — Pete Rose is reinstated by baseball commissioner Fay Vincent. Rose apparently knows the real story behind how the commissioner got the name Fay.

Pete is named the new manager of the New York Yankees and bobs George Steinbrenner he can remain manager until 1990, when Lou Piniella is scheduled to be hired again.

Billkens looking for a chance in the big show

For a split second, everything froze. There was dead silence, with dead being the key word.

About 5 feet above my head was a babe of death and she was plummeting toward the press table at 400 mph or so.

One of nature's laws ought to be that if you save perhaps Mary Lou Retton, should die of cuteness. Pestilence, OK. Over-indulgence, OK. Too much MTV, OK. Cuteness, no. Fat lot of good that law was going to do me in the blink of an eye. Cause of death: 100 pounds of dive-bombing cheerleading perviness.

Such is life court-side at St. Louis University basketball games these days: flying cheerleaders (including those with sudden-death), soaring hopes, double-digit victory totals, good cheer.

There is a lot to like about a night or a season of St. Louis U. basketball if you can avoid the

Dave
Whaley

Oct. 7, 1990 — The Yankees, despite a \$35 million payroll, finish fifth in the American League East. Steinbrenner fires Rose and collects enough money from the owners to pay all his players.

Holtz believes the Yankees should be voted No. 1 in the AL East because of the strength of their schedule.

"They didn't play no Atlanta Braves," he argues.

Feb. 23, 1991 — Rose is named the perennial host of the Cable Value Network's "Baseball Memorabilia Hour." The first items for sale are 164 bats Rose says he used the day he got his 4,000th hit.

June 28, 1992 — In an attempt to regain the heavyweight title for the fourth time, 50-year-old Muhammad Ali is knocked out three seconds into the first round by Mike Tyson.

Ali, who has been unable to

speak for 18 months, nonetheless collects \$16 million for his three seconds of falling backwards. That makes his fourth wife, Robin Givens, quite happy. She says he used half of Tyson's \$24 million as well.

Holtz believes Ali should have won the match on points due to the strength of his opponent. "He didn't box no Gerry Cooney," Holtz argues.

Nov. 1, 1993 — The NBA, admitting that players are getting too big, raises the rims to 14 feet. Michael Jordan scores 63 points in his season opener, including 12 slam dunks.

Rookie Shawn Bradley (7-8) of the expansion Las Vegas Gamblers, miffed that for the first time since he was 12 he has to jump to reach the basket, is held to only 48 points in his pro debut.

April 1, 1994 — Billy Bidwill, miffed that the average attendance at Phoenix Cardinals games dropped to 3,307 in 1993, threatens to move the team to Baltimore — or Oakland — or Los Angeles or Irvine, Calif.

At the same time, Bidwill gives player personnel director George Boone a new 10-year contract. The city of Phoenix responds by

sending Bidwill maps of Baltimore, Oakland, Los Angeles and Irvine.

Sept. 7, 1994 — The St. Louis Flyers open their first NFL season at Busch Stadium against the Phoenix Cardinals.

Cardinal coach Larry Wilson — the only man dumb enough to take the job in 1990 — complains that Flyers coach Gene Stallings is working too hard at being popular in St. Louis. The Flyers win 17-16 before a delirious crowd of 50,855.

The Cardinals are at the Flyer 15 when the game ends. They still have two timeouts and only need to kick a field goal, but Cardinal quarterback Timm Rosenbloom blows the ball out of bounds as time expires.

Feb. 23, 1995 — Whitley Herzog suddenly resigns as Cardinal manager to become assistant baseball commissioner. He once again bans Rose for life for having a bad haircut. Rose responds that Whitley has no room to talk.

Oct. 26, 1995 — Ten years to the day later, the Cardinals are within an out of beating the Kansas City Royals in the World Series. Granite City native Joe Wallace is the Royals' last hope. He dribbles a grounder to Cardi-

nal first baseman Bill Buckner; who lets the ball go through his legs.

Jose Oquendo fields it and flips it to Chris Carpenter for the out. But umpire Don Denkinger goes on to win the Series.

Oct. 29, 1995 — Commissioner Herzog overrules Denkinger and awards the Series to the Cardinals. Deputy Commissioner Hank Aaron announces that Denkinger has been fined \$100,000 and suspended for a year.

July 16, 1996 — St. Louis Flyer owner Walter Payton officially opens the new Billy Dome in downtown St. Louis. It's big and wide and decorated with a huge papier mache bow tie in honor of its namesake.

Jan. 21, 1998 — Pete Rose, now the manager of the expansion Las Vegas Hustlers, installs the Hustlers as 5-6 favorites to win the National League pennant. He has 253 genuine Hustler jerseys he claims he wore at his introductory press conference to auction off.

Sept. 29, 1998 — The Hustlers are eliminated when Kirk Gibson (See WHALEY, Page 2B)

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falling cheerleaders.

There are whispers, growing louder all the time, that all of this is about to end.

St. Louis, for the longest time, liked SLU hoops. A lot. Then, St. Louis, for the longest time, ignored SLU hoops. A lot. That was for the best. There was a stretch of nine or 10 years pre-Rich Grawer where SLU basketball got ugly. Some years they whined, some they were mean.

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Working hard to give something back to nature

Outdoor organizations are providing many things for many people. But the biggest benefit outdoorsmen get from an organization is an opportunity to put something back, to help replenish the resources they enjoy so much.

That "something" can take many forms. It might be money or sweat, or even the sharing of organizational skills or one's knowledge.

For example, I recently attended a meeting with representatives of the Missouri Department of Conservation; the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation; Olin Corp., which makes Winchester Ammunition; the St. Louis Longbeards; and the Gateway Long Spurs.

The meeting resulted in numerous men and women who like to hunt turkeys agreeing to volunteer their time so that others this year can undertake a safer, more knowledgeable hunt. In pursuit of this goal, the organizations will conduct two turkey-hunting clinics that will include shotgun patterning.

The first of the clinics will be April 7 at the August A. Busch Memorial Wildlife Area shooting



Bill Seibel

range in Weldon Spring. Admission is free but registration is limited to 100; call 441-6554. A second clinic will be held April 8 at the Antire Valley County Park shooting range at Antire Road and I-44. Call 888-3474 for information.

Also, the Longbeards have joined forces with Gart Brothers, Casey's Sporting Goods to conduct turkey hunting seminars at 7 p.m. March 23 and 1 and 3 p.m. March 24 at the Gart Brothers Sports Castle, 14101 Manchester Road. Admission is \$2; call 391-3331.

The Long Spurs will hold a Turkey Hunting with the Experts seminar, with a panel, at 7:30 p.m. March 27 at the St. Peters Knights of Columbus Hall, 117 McMenamy Road. Call 625-1036.

You can bet that after expenses are covered, some of the money collected at the seminars will go back to the turkey

resource in some form—be it habitat improvement, research, a new stocking program or the like.

Similarly, the Missouri Bow Hunters, Archery Big Bucks Club, Show-Me Big Bucks Club and Missouri Taxidermist Association will hold the annual Missouri Deer Classic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday (March 17) and Sunday, March 18 at the Mid-Way Expo Center in Columbia, Mo. The fee is \$5; call 1-443-3977.

There will be displays of trophy whitetails, hunting equipment, seminars and keynote speakers, including J. Warren Cassidy, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, who will speak at 4:45 p.m. March 18.

There are plenty of organizations for hunters and fishermen in addition to the ones already mentioned, including Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the Ruffed Grouse Society, Whitetails Unlimited, Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society, the Bass Research Foundation, Muskie's Inc., Trout Unlimited and the Ozark Flyfishers.

The point of listing all these

organizations is to show the variety of groups with members involved in activities outdoors. And to point out that the members of these groups hold dinners and auctions, sell candy and magazines, sponsor contests and numerous other activities to raise money. They also roll up their sleeves and get dirty planting, refurbishing and doing the necessary labor to make things better for the critters of their interest.

The organizations exist and are able to function because people like you and me love the outdoors and care about what goes on there.

Back in 1975 and 1976, it was the umbrella organization for these groups—the Conservation Federation of Missouri—that headed the campaign to gain passage of the one-eighth-cent sales tax that allows Missouri to stand head and shoulders above most other states when it comes to conservation efforts.

The federation, which is wrapping up its annual meeting this weekend in Columbia, continues to lead the charge. It keeps the system working by lobbying the state Legislature or the conser-

vation commission when necessary.

But there still are the anti-typers and the uninformed non-outdoors people who sometimes get confused about what we do and why we do it. This is where we have to step forward.

It might take a minute to explain to your neighbor that field mice, song birds, hawks, deer, coyotes and many other creatures benefit when you work hard to raise money or to plant habitat for wild turkeys. But it's worth it.

It likely will take even longer to describe how the purchase at a dinner-auction of an art print of a duck-hunting scene will help blow a wet mud hole in the Canadian prairie, a hole that will benefit ducks and a multitude of other critters. But again, it's worth it.

When someone says hunters and fishermen do not care about the resources and just want to use them up, don't believe it and don't accept it.

Tell them and show them how we help, and take pride in your role.

(Bill Seibel is an outdoors writer for the Suburban Journals.)

•Rains

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get to Florida. "In 1985 and 1987 Vince made our team go," Braun said. "He is an important part of our team. He could really give us a spark offensively."

Another player who has felt the effects of the lockout is Horton, who is a member of the players association executive board in addition to his role as a pitcher.

In his union duties, Horton has made three trips to New York and one to Phoenix in the last three weeks, really hampering his progress from off-season surgery.

"I have regressed since the lockout started; there's no doubt about it," Horton said.

All Horton is doing now is playing catch with Mathews, 40 that means Mathews work also has been curtailed when Horton has to leave town.

Mathews and the Cardinals' other recovering pitchers, also have been confined mostly to playing catch at this point in their recovery instead of throwing off the mound to hitters.

The lockout's effect on the players financially will be lessened later this month when they get the first payment from their strike fund, which should be around \$5,000 per player. Stan Musial missed the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee vote because he was ill, although he is continuing to improve. He did arrive in Florida in time for the annual governor's dinner Thursday night. The Red Sox are still having informal organized workouts at Winter Haven High School even though the union has asked them not to. About 10 players have been showing up on a regular basis. The same company which produced the Ken Griffey Jr. candy bar last year is now introducing the Wade Boggs bar. Tale of two Reds: Paul O'Neill and Todd Benzinger have the same agent, Joe Bick. Each has played 354 major league games and each has hit 38 homers. Benzinger has driven in 189 runs and O'Neill 176. But because O'Neill has just more than three years of service, he will make \$1.6 million in a two-year deal. Benzinger, who is 61 days short of being eligible for arbitration, will make \$300,000 on a one-year deal this year.

(Rob Rains covers the Cardinals for the Suburban Journals.)

•Tigers

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winning this game. We had a terrible practice before tonight's game and I just sent them home. But they really surprised me with their effort tonight.

"But that's just part of our postseason experience. Martin and McKinney have been here before, so they know what's needed to win these games. It's a matter of survival and we've done a pretty good job of that in the last three years. But I must admit I didn't think we'd go to the sweet 16 after the way we looked at times during the season. But the kids rose to the occasion."

"Lincoln's experience just killed us down the stretch," said Collinsville coach Bob Bone, whose team wrapped up the season with a 24-7 record. "You could see their experience come to the forefront in the second half, when they started pounding us on the boards. They created their opportunities by coming up with the second and third shots off the boards. We simply couldn't stop them. And we also hurt ourselves by making turnovers at crucial times, while not hitting the open shot. And when you do that against a good team, especially one like Lincoln, you're going to lose the game."

Collinsville controlled the tempo of the game for the entire first half. The Kahoks led from the outset and eventually built a 10 point lead (22-12) with 3:06 left before the intermission. Richard Keene (22 points) and Kyle Jones (9 points and 10 rebounds) sparked the Kahoks in the opening half. Keene provided Collinsville with some nifty outside shooting, while Jones did a



CHRIS MCKINNEY only scored nine points, but his leadership and postseason experience helped the Tigers rally past Collinsville.

decent job of picking up the loose ball and scoring the put-back basket.

But Keene cooled off in the second half by making only 3 of 13 shots from the field, while Jones was limited to a field goal.

NOTES: Weeslin won its opening round game in the Class A state tournament by defeating Shelbyville 67-52. Matt Fridley

led the Warriors (28-3) with 20 points. Brent Brede supported Fridley's effort with 17 points, while all-star Paul Lusk had 15. In other first round games, Aurora Christian defeated Farmington 48-42; Prairie Central, the No. 1 team in the state in Class A, knocked off Marengo 70-51, while Norris City defeated Pittsfield 74-50.

Scoreboard

Boys	Friday, March 9
Marion 82, Benton 54	Championship game
Cardonville Super-Sectional	Tuesday, March 13
at BUC Arena	East St. Louis Lincoln (19-7) vs. Marion (20-10), 7:30 p.m.
When someone says hunters and fishermen do not care about the resources and just want to use them up, don't believe it and don't accept it.	Winners advance to Class AA state tournament in Champaign on March 16-17.
Boys basketball	Class A
Class AA	State tournament
East St. Louis Sectional	Friday, March 9
Tuesday, March 6	Quarterfinals
East St. Louis Lincoln (19-7) vs. Marion (20-10), 7:30 p.m.	Westfield 67, Shelbyville 52
Wednesday, March 7	Aurora Christian 48, Farmington 42
Collinsville 72, Highland 72	Prairie Central 70, Marengo 51
Championship game	Norris City 74, Pittsfield 50
East St. Louis Lincoln 60, Collinsville 51	Saturday, March 10
Benton Sectional	Semifinals
Tuesday, March 6	Game 5: Westfield vs. Aurora Christian 11:15 p.m.
Benton 52, Pittsfield 50	Game 6: Prairie Central vs. Norris City 12:40 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	Third place
Marion 82, Central 52	Lower Game 5 vs. Lower Game 6, 6:30 p.m.
	State championship
	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 p.m.

•Whaley

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limps off the bench and belts a pinch-hit home run. Rose loses a \$4,192 million bet on the pennant race.

Aug. 15, 1999 — The Stanley Cup playoffs, which began in April with 26 of the league's 28 teams competing, finally end. Training camp begins next week.

Oct. 16, 1999 — Payton hires Rose as a vice president in charge of promotions for the Flyers. Rose institutes Friday Slip Night at the Billydome. He denies it's his handwriting on the slips, however.

Dec. 31, 1999 — Payton fires Rose after Pete admits he bet \$5 million on the Flyers' playoff game with the Baltimore Cardinals. He bet on the Cardinals and lost when offensive coordinator Neil Lomax decides not to call a timeout. The clock runs out on Baltimore when the Cardinals are perched on the Flyer 1-yard line and St. Louis wins 21-20.

Rose succeeds Herzog as commissioner of baseball. Holtz thinks his Fighting Irish should be No. 1 in college football and the NFL.

"We didn't have to play no Miami," he argues.

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Cancer not time to say goodbye

"I was really scared when I heard about your cancer and that you were coming to visit," Suzie confided to me.

"I thought you were coming to say goodbye and to have a last fling with your family. I'm really glad to see that you came to start a tradition of visiting us in New York."

We were in her kitchen in Park Slope, Brooklyn, drinking tea and talking about the good old days. It was my first visit to her married home, and I could feel the love and the ease in the room. I could see the sun splashing her back brick garden with warmth. I could hear my teen-agers tickling her 5-month-old daughter with help from Merlin, her Great Dane.

I could have stayed in that moment forever. We could have stayed forever. Suzie knew what it was like to wonder if the next moment would be bearable. I was just at the point of insisting it be not only bearable but also wonderful.

We confided our secrets of life to each other.

Suzie and I had shared just one glorious, narrowing, intense college year together. Suzie, a brilliant, beautiful, and thoughtful young woman, had been a part of my life for many nights about philosophy, theology, politics, boys, life, boys, the future, art, boys, history, mechanics.

Only one year of side-by-side friendship, but we were on a wavelength that had no space or time. We wrote, we called, visited and kept the welcome mat out for each other in our souls.

Suzie contracted multiple sclerosis at age 23 as she was leaving a disastrous marriage. Alone in New York, desperately fighting to keep her job and benefits, she was mugged three times because of her lameness. She lost the sight of one eye after battling blindness for six weeks. She was completely paralyzed twice for over a month. I visited, called, wrote, promised her that she could come live with my growing family if ever she needed constant help.

Through it all, Suzie managed to work, get her master's degree in urban anthropology, marry a terrific man and stockpile a lot of wisdom and love.

Suzie never gave up. She used diet, exercise, acupuncture, cortisone, imagery and pure grit to fight her disease.

She finally fought to remission and after four years, decided to have a child. Adrienne is incredible. Not so because she is the determined loving effort of a mom who knows that someday she may have to explain the inner workings of a wheelchair to her daughter, may have to, but I doubt it.

"You can come and stay with us, Drem, you know that, if you ever need to," she said through our tears. "I'm convinced I don't even need to think about M.C. again, so I just don't. What can I do to help you?"

Drem Gehring is in remission from a rare form of breast cancer. Those who would like to share their experience or have questions about cancer can write to Drem Gehring, St. Louis News Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 200, St. Louis 63141.

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By Al Schneider

Good glue makes furniture stick

Time and usage are the enemies of chairs, tables and other furniture. Unfortunately, even with normal usage and great care, some pieces will become wobbly and develop loose joints. Making permanent repairs is a vital step that ensures longer life for your furniture and continued safe use.

I strongly suggest that you strengthen all of the joints on the furniture piece that you are repairing.

When taking joints apart or removing furniture legs, I use a hidden screw, nuts and fasteners. Once all of the fasteners have been removed, I pull the joint apart, by hand if possible. If the connection still is too strong, I use a rubber mallet or rubber hammer to protect the wood while tapping them apart.

Once the joints have been separated, I remove the old glue. Most glues used years ago are not water-resistant and may be softened with a simple mixture of water and vinegar.

Once the area is clean, I reglue using special, hard-bonding wood glue. These glues provide a stronger grip than traditional white glues and are clear and invisible when dry. In addition, most of these glues are waterproof and do not require clamping. Just be sure to keep the joint firm until the glue fully sets.

Using these helpful hints, you should have your furniture in good working order in no time. If you have questions about wood repair or any other home improvement project, call me at Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker Hotline, (314) 946-3000. I would be happy to help.

Home sellers can prepare for FHA buyers

Recent economic trends indicate wage earners in higher income brackets are seeing larger percentage increases in income than those in lower income brackets, a polarization that makes entering the home-buying market difficult for many people.

Consequently, an option for many will be housing loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration, which traditionally are sought by people with lower incomes because a lower down payment is required.

In the past, sellers were wary of FHA loans because they believed lenders were more stringent with FHA inspections than they were with inspections involving conventional loans. Part of this



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stricter procedure is due to the fact that the lower down payment means a larger amount of money is owed to the lender on the property.

But FHA requirements now are more similar to those put on conventional loans. And a property owner trying to sell his home can do much to insure his home will pass FHA inspections and thereby improve his chances of selling the residence. These include:

• Consider whether the plumbing, electrical and cooling systems — called mechanicals — are sufficient to meet the needs of the property. Property owners often add a room, enclose a porch or convert an attic without adequately upgrading the mechanicals.

FHA requires a minimum of 60-amp wiring in a home's electrical system. However, 100-amp wiring is necessary to support many modern appliances, which means upgrading the system may be required to make the house more desirable.

• Determine if the roof will last another five years, a rule-of-thumb that can be used to assess whether the roof will pass an inspection. If the FHA inspector questions the condition of the roof, a separate inspection often will be performed.

Study floor plans before shopping

By Roger McGrath
Staff writer

Buying a home involves many decisions: setting on a decorative scheme, the color to paint the kitchen, a style of carpet for the living room, even zoyasia vs. a ry-bluegrass mix.

But those choices pale in comparison to the biggest decision: determining which of the many floor plans available in new and existing homes fits the buyer's needs.

For instance, a rambling ranch with formal living and dining rooms maintained like a museum might satisfy empty-nesters who entertain business associates frequently, while a young family might prefer a great-room ranch with an open floor plan so mom, while preparing meals, can keep an eye on the youngsters playing in the great room.

How do buyers determine what floor plan or plans best fit their family before they go all over town to look at homes?

"Family lifestyle is 'what it all boils down to,'" says Mike Carter, president of Sunrise Realty in Woodson Terrace.

For example, a family with regular formal dinners and parties dictates a house with



Mike Carter
... ask what buyer wants

formal living and dining rooms. Some like the lifestyle of a pool and tennis courts, so Elly Franzen, of Blake & Davis' Chesterfield office, shows those buyers developments with recreation amenities, she says.

Condominiums appeal to those who don't want yard work, primarily empty-nesters and single professional women, Carter says.

Thoroughly clean bedroom helps to control allergies

"How to Create a Dust-Free Bedroom," a new fact sheet offered by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, gives tips that can help you or a dust-sensitive family member breathe easier.

Many people are allergic to the tiny mites that live in dust bunnies. Those tiny particles that can be seen floating in a shaft of sunlight are dead dust mites and their waste products. They can trigger not only allergies, but more serious asthma attacks.

Step one in the war against the dastardly dust mite is to get rid of bedroom dust. These are some of the dust-busting strategies listed in the free fact sheet:

• Completely empty the room, just as if you were moving. Empty and clean all closets. If possible, store contents elsewhere and seal clothes. Or, keep clothing in zippered plastic bags and shoes in boxes off the floor.

• Wash the woodwork and floors thoroughly to remove all traces of dust. Oil and wax wood or linoleum floors. Carpeting makes dust control impossible — don't use it. Washable throw rugs are OK.

• If there is a hot-air furnace outlet in the room, install a dust filter made of several layers of cheesecloth or similar material, such as old nylon stockings. Wash or change the filter frequently.

Those who wish more dust-busting tips should request a copy of "How to Create a Dust-Free Bedroom" by writing to Healthline/Dust-Free, Building 31, Room 2B23, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. 20892.

Improvements help sell home

When you make the difficult decision to sell your home, you hope that others will like it as much as you and that it will sell quickly.

However, if it doesn't move off the market as quickly as you would like, you might consider making some changes or improvements that will increase your home's appeal.

The American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers surveyed 27 of the most common home improvements and selected 10 that were most likely to produce a return on your investment. Ranked from one to 10, they are:

1. Interior face-lift; 2. furnace replacement; 3. fireplace addition; 4. exterior painting; 5. central air conditioning; 6. standard bathroom; 7. kitchen face-lift; 8. standard island kitchen; 9. basement conversion; 10. minor energy upgrade.

Appraisers nationwide were surveyed, and all said that remodeling projects which add comfort and convenience are good investments that increase the value of a home. Buyers often place an emphasis on improvements that help them control their monthly expenses, such as those that head off costly repairs or decrease utility bills.

Other common home improvements which did not make the top 10 were swinging patio doors, deluxe bathroom renovations, deck addition, attached one-car garage addition, insulated windows, new roof, deluxe island kitchen, skylight, hardwood flooring, landscaping, hot tub and deck, new wood siding, room addition, sun-space addition, in-ground pool, vinyl siding and bedroom-to-master-bath conversion.

"Correcting all obvious flaws in the house. Peeling paint, broken railings, cracked windows, and leaking faucets and pipes all have to be corrected to pass inspection. Another rule-of-thumb is to thoroughly clean your home. Generally, a clean home has been well kept and has little to hide. A word of caution to all sellers: if your property has a flaw of which you are aware, either fix it or reveal it to potential buyers. Failure to disclose such flaws can cause legal problems down the road."

The FHA does not set guidelines to determine which party is responsible for repairs. But in most

cases lenders advise the seller to make repairs because there is a degree of risk for buyers who invest in repairs on a home before they own it.

Finally, buyers — regardless of the type of loan they are applying for — should hire their own person to inspect property they are thinking about buying. The benefits often are well worth the investment. Reliance only on the FHA inspection is risky because courts have held that buyers have no recourse for errors in the FHA inspection report.

If you have questions you would like answered in this column, write to: Bruce H. Aydt, President, Real Estate Board of Metropolitan St. Louis, 1277 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

Home appraisals locally cost between \$125 and \$350, depending on the size of home and what specifics you are looking for from the appraiser. Whatever the deciding reasons are for your home improvements, you will find that making the investment in quality workmanship will produce the largest payoffs in both personal enjoyment and resale.

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Proceed safely when stripping paint

Before you start a furniture restoration project that involves paint stripping, take time to read the label of the stripping product you plan to use.

Chemical paint removers can be a fast, easy and safe job for you, provided you follow the detailed instructions on the container. Today's manufacturers provide labels that not only identify potential hazards, but also explain, step by step, how to use a product correctly and safely.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) also notes that recent studies indicate lifetime exposure to high levels of methylene chloride, an ingredient in many paint strippers, causes cancer in certain laboratory animals. The available human studies do not provide sufficient information to determine its effect in humans. Nevertheless, CPSC advises even to minimize exposure to paint stripper chemical vapors and not to let the liquid touch your skin.

The best place to strip furniture is outdoors, preferably in a shaded area or under some kind of canopy. Working outdoors provides maximum ventilation; working under cover can keep the paint remover from evaporating too quickly.

If you must work indoors, do so where cross-ventilation is assured — open the windows on opposite sides of the room, or in the next room.

Do not allow children to play in the work area. It is advisable to use a fan to improve the flow of fresh air through the work area.

According to CPSC, warning signs that indicate you do too much ventilation and are becoming overexposed are dizziness, light-headedness and headache. If you experience any of these, take a break and get some fresh air. Increase the ventilation in the work area before continuing.

Exotic materials give bathroom drama

Just for a minute, let your imagination build in your mind the bathroom of your dreams.

Do you see a bath fashioned after an Oriental potentate's spa-like room? Or perhaps you are dreaming of taking a leisurely soak in a high-tech atmosphere of bold colors amidst the whirling waters of a hydro-therapy bathtub.

Possibly you prefer a country-French atmosphere and are visualizing soft, subdued almond-colored fixtures and bathroom walls papered in a delicate floral pattern, or maybe your taste tends toward a monochromatic theme in varying hues of blue.

Bathroom fixtures made of cultured marble, onyx or granite are equally at home in any of these environments. They are luxurious-looking yet practical materials that catch the eye with effects, whatever style of bath you prefer.

Cultured marble is made with a blend of crushed marble and polyester resins; cultured onyx is a blend of glass-like crushed frit particles and resin; and cultured granite is a similar blend, with flecking to simulate the pigmentation of granite.

These ingredients are mixed, poured into a mold and coated with a protective shield of gel and polished to a glossy finish. They are used to create bathroom fixtures — tubs, vanities, toilet seats, as well as wall paneling, shower enclosures, flooring, bathtub surrounds, accessories and more. If your taste leans to the dramatic, Roman columns are possible.

In vanities, the rounded, beveled back and side panels are common, as well as no-drip edges and molded-in soap dishes. The bowls are available in myriad shapes including oval, shell, round and a shampoo-cup style with elongated, sloped contour for easier hair washing and to catch drips and splatters.

Bathbath and surrounds of cultured materials

are available in limitless sizes and styles — single or double, hydro-therapy or regular, circular, oval or rectangular. They can be installed in sunken or raised positions as islands, angled or next-to-the wall. Custom shapes and designs are available from some manufacturers.

Virtually any color can be reproduced since these products are custom-fabricated by hand. Whites, delicate pastels, bold solid hues and marble effects, with deep or subtle veining variations in a full rainbow spectrum, are possible.

Ease of care and cleaning are practical aspects of cultured materials. Routine maintenance with mild liquid or spray-on non-abrasive household cleaner is all that is needed to keep the bath sparkling. This simple care keeps these surfaces clean, day-to-day. Periodic applications of paste wax make cleaning even easier and restore luster. For tougher problems, automotive polishing compound or baking soda will remove simple stains. Water stains, however, are the most common as it will those made of the quarried originals.

Cultured marble, onyx and granite are strong and durable. The Cultured Marble Institute, the trade association for the industry, has established a certification program to assure consumers of products meeting high quality standards.

This testing is conducted by the National Association of Home Builders/Research Foundation and includes tough performance tests in the following areas: workmanship and finish, structural integrity, wear and cleaning, colorfastness, flameability and resistance to staining, chemicals, cigarette burns, aging and water temperature changes. The products of participating manufacturers bear a certification label, indicating they have passed the rigorous testing.

To examine cultured marble, onyx and granite products firsthand, check with bath and kitchen designers since most have showrooms.

Plotting, planning precedes planting

When selecting a site for a garden, whether for flowers or vegetables, one should consider location first.

Ideally, the area should be free of tree roots and receive sun for most of the day. Select an area with good drainage or, if not possible, one where raised beds can be placed or drain tile can be installed to remove excess moisture.

The next step is to make a plan of the garden on paper. Use a scale of 1 inch for every 8 feet and carefully plan what you want to grow. Do not plan for vegetables you would not normally use. It is also wise not to start off with an overly large garden. A small, well-prepared area will yield more than a large, inadequately prepared one.

In planning the design, keep in mind that large plants should not be placed where they will prevent smaller ones from getting full sun. This also is true for perennials. The larger plants should be placed at the back with smaller ones toward the front.

Once the garden is planned, you are ready to place orders

for seed or plants. Select types that will withstand heat and drought and are as disease- and insect-resistant as possible. Catalogs give this information and also list the amount of seed needed for a given area. Use this information wisely.

As soon as ground can be worked, the real job begins. You need to have organic matter such as peat moss or other similar material on hand to work into the soil. Have a sturdy spade or shovel for digging or use a tiller. Tillers for a job such as this are available from many rental agencies.

First, work the soil over lightly and remove all rocks and any other debris. After the soil is worked up to a depth of at least 6 to 8 inches, apply a generous application of the organic matter (3 to 4 inches) and apply superphosphate at the rate of 5 pounds per 100 square feet. Work or dig this in well, as the phosphorus is needed as plants will root deeply and need this preparation if they are to produce well. (If hand digging, you can go down to about a foot. If you are using a tiller,

you probably will have to settle for less since most tillers go down only about 5 or 6 inches.)

Just prior to planting, broadcast an application of 2 to 3 pounds of a balanced fertilizer such as 6-12-12 over the top and work in lightly.

You are now ready to begin planting according to your plan. Early crops such as peas, onions and spinach may be planted as soon as soil can be worked in early March. Plan to set out cabbage, broccoli and other cool-growing plants in late March. If plants have been hardened off, they will not be harmed by the light frosts.

Warmer crops such as tomatoes and beans should not be planted until all danger of frost is past and soil has warmed up. This usually is not before the end of April.

Perennials may be set out starting in late March. Use the same soil preparation methods as for vegetables. For maximum benefit from blooming this season, plant before mid-May. Annuals may be set out starting late in April.

Gardens are growing well, but insect pests are active

The recent rains and cool weather gave gardens a boost by spurring extra growth. Flowering of many plant groups has been excellent this year.

On the negative side, insect pests have been more active, due in part to a mild winter.

One of the culprits is the tent caterpillar. It has devoured new leaves but these soon will be replaced with new growth.

It is too late now to apply controls for the tent caterpillar, which already has done its damage for the season. Dormant oil applied in late February or early March is needed to control the eggs before they hatch. Once insects do hatch, they form a tent at the base of branches, and come out to feed on new growth during mild spells. At that stage, they are best sprayed early in the morning with Sevin Malathion or Dursban according to label directions.

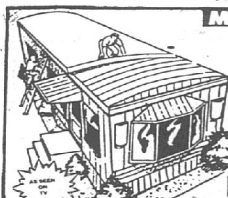
Aphids, which feed mainly during the day, are reported on many plants. They suck the juices from the new tip growth

as well as flower buds. Both black types of aphids and green types are common at this time.

Though the woolly aphid has not been reported at the time of writing, it soon will appear. This tiny insect is covered with short, white hairs and usually attacks white pines on the base of the needles and stems. Heavy,

uncontrolled infestation causes the pine needles to turn yellowish-green.

Aphids are relatively easy to control with any mild insecticide, but for the woolly aphid a forceful spray is needed to penetrate the hair structure. On larger trees, it is best to have spraying done by a qualified arborist.



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From ancient days to present, handsaw has come long way

The history of the handsaw goes all the way back to the Metals Age.

The saw was invented about 4,000 B.C. But, the first recorded use of saws as we see them dates from about 1,500 B.C. when Egyptians are said to have used them to rip boards.

The modern versions apparently got their start as long ago as the first century. According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Pliny the Elder observed that "setting the teeth helps discharge the sawdust." This practice of setting the teeth alternately to one side or the other to dispel sawdust is still in use. In addition, setting the teeth in this manner creates a slot that is wider than the saw blade, which also helps reduce friction.

Though the methodology for setting the teeth remains the same, today's handsaws are as different from their first century counterparts as is a modern reptile from a dinosaur.

Contemporary handsaws are made of steel hard enough to retain its cutting edge and strong enough to resist buckling. To avoid strain, the handle is designed to direct the energy to the teeth of the saw.

When shopping for a handsaw, the experts at CooperTools, manufacturers of Nicholson saws, suggest that you hold the saw at arm's length while bending the

blade slightly to be sure that all the points are the same length. Inspect the flat sides of the blade to ensure that the teeth have been set uniformly. Set is the amount by which a saw tooth is bent out of line. A saw that is not set correctly leads to inaccurate cuts.

Inspect the saw to be sure there are no nicks, ridges or rough spots. To resist rust and friction, the saw should be smooth and highly polished. A good handle is a sign of a quality saw.

Check tension by flexing the saw slightly. Place a straight edge along a side of the blade. The gap between the blade and the straight edge should form a perfect arch. A lopsided arch indicates poor balance.

A good handsaw should last for many years if it receives proper care. When finished with a handsaw, wipe it down with an oily cloth to prevent rust. Should any rust appear, remove it with an oil cloth and lots of elbow grease. Or, use a fine emery cloth.

Be sure to hang the saw in a dry place. When carrying the saw with other tools, use a protective sleeve.

Never leave a saw lying flat where there are other tools around. They could scuff the saw or damage the teeth.

Slug control for early gardeners

Slugs like the plentiful rainfall of early spring and fall so they normally do most of their damage at those times. This year, however, their activity has been prolonged by the recent rains.

Slugs feed mainly at night. They chew off the edges of leaves, and sometimes plants that have just been set out in the garden are totally consumed by them.

Liquid Slug-It is an ideal control. Using a sprayer or water can, apply early in the evening along the edges of beds and borders or other areas where damage from slugs has been noticed.



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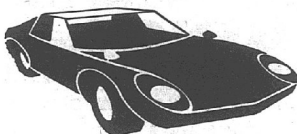
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Community calendar

Sunday, March 11

Eastern Star Granite Chapter 650 will hold its annual chicken dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th and Cleveland. Tickets are \$5 for adults or \$2.75 for children. Carryouts will be available.

A baseball card show will be held at the Ramada Inn South in St. Louis from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Belleville Philharmonic will perform at the Scottish Rite Bodies Hall, 1267 N. 57th St., Belleville, at 3 p.m. For information: 235-5600 between 1-5 p.m.

Sixties guru Arlo Guthrie will be in concert at the Westport Playhouse at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$16.50 are available at Tickets Now outlets, the Mississippi Nights box office, the Westport box-office or by calling DIALTIX (314) 434-6600.

Saturday, March 17

The Madison Police will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day dance at the Amvets Hall, 1711 Kennedy Drive, Madison, to benefit the Police Benevolent and Protection Association of Illinois. The dance runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and tickets are \$3 at the door. Set-ups will be available and music will be provided by the Deere Street Band, a group of musical St. Louis police officers.

Continuing meetings

Toastmasters Club meets every first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Bank of Edwardsville, second floor. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to improve communications skills. For information: 656-5150 or 656-7424.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Monday evenings from 6-7:45 at the Army Support Center, Building 108. For information: Joyce Alexander at 931-4629 or Bev Rapp at 876-2124.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous, an alcoholism recovery group) meets every evening, seven days a week, at 8 at the 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City. Information on other meetings (day or night) is available at those times. For information: 876-8467.

Al-Anon, a support group for families and friends of alcoholics, holds weekly meetings at several area locations. Following are meeting times and places in Granite City:
Monday 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave.
Tuesday 8 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ rear basement, 2901 Nameoki Road; 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar (babysitting available; no smoking).

Thursday 9:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Church quilting room, 2300 Pontoon Road (no smoking); 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center Wiesman Room, first floor (babysitting; no smoking).

Saturday 10 a.m. Al-Anon Adult Children, Suburban Baptist Church, Maryville Road and St. Clair Avenue (babysitting; no smoking).

For information: 876-8467.
To submit items for the calendar, write the Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, Ill. 62040.

Literacy Council director praises film's intentions

By Deborah Reinhardt
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Although the film "Stanley & Iris" missed a few true-to-life points about illiteracy, it contains several important messages, said Carolyn Beindiek, president of the St. Louis Literacy Council.

"I thought it was an excellent movie," Beindiek said. "It conveyed a clear message to employers that they need to encourage employees to improve skills and they need to facilitate that improvement."

In the film, Stanley Cox, played by Robert De Niro, loses his job in a bakery goods company's cafeteria once it is learned he can't read.

The value and need for literacy tutors is another positive statement made by the movie, Beindiek added.

"You can't put a price on the value of volunteers," she said. In the film, Jane Fonda plays Iris King, a widow trying to hold a family together who teaches co-worker Cox how to read.

But Beindiek said Cox in the movie is a loner and it seems he's the only person in the world with the problem, which isn't true. "There are many people like him (Cox)," she said.

The literacy council estimates that 170,000 St. Louis area residents are functionally illiterate, meaning they can read at a low level. Many cannot write or do simple mathematics problems.

As jobs become more technical, it is important for workers to read and understand material, be familiar with computers and have math skills, said Beindiek.

Twenty years ago, an adult who read on a fifth-grade level could get by, but that's not the case today.

However, "Stanley & Iris" did not address this need for technical ability, she said.

Beindiek said she hopes people who see "Stanley & Iris"

will be motivated to become a literacy tutor. The literacy council asks that tutors devote two 90-minute sessions per week for one year at one of the council's six learning centers. One-on-one and small group tutoring is used at the centers. Tutors are trained before meeting students. Those who wish more information on volunteering as a literacy tutor may call the literacy council at (314) 644-1055.

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Times Mirror holds key to KTV's rise

Running a television news department is a high-risk operation. It's a little like being a baseball manager: When you win, you probably get too much credit; when you lose, you probably get too much blame.

Sue Kawalerski, the news director of KTVI-TV (Channel 2), resigned Feb. 21, apparently under pressure. She had been in the job for three-and-a-half years, a time marked by poor ratings and serious morale problems among the staff.

The resignation was not unexpected; there had been some amazement among people familiar with the television business that a change had not come much sooner. But while Kawalerski has to accept some of the blame for the station's poor showing recently, she can't be blamed for all of it.

The news director sets policy, hires and fires personnel and manages the multimillion-dollar news budget. It is a huge job.

Any news director has to operate within guidelines which are passed on from station management — and sometimes from a higher level. The Times Mirror Corp., the parent company of Channel 2, has not enjoyed the reputation of supporting its broadcast properties well.

Between mid-1979 and mid-1980, the Channel 2 news department underwent a complete overhaul that propelled it from a miserable operation to a factor in the market journalistically or in the ratings, to the leader in the market. This writer worked at the station during that rebuilding period.

That overhaul began at a time in which Times Mirror was negotiating to buy the station. By mid-1982, however, the level of support from Times Mirror was diminishing.

Adding to the problem was a bitter, six-week strike by photographers early in 1982 that left scars on both sides. It has been suggested by various sources that from that time, John McCrory, then president of Times Mirror, took over the station with a very intense and personal interest in the management of Channel 2.

Outstanding people left the station, including the man who built the successful operation, news director Rabun Matthews.



Ian MacBryde

Anchor Susan Kidd, a major part of the station's success, left in 1983. Eventually, popular figures Larry Connors and Zip Ezeppa were allowed to get away, eventually going to KMOV-TV (Channel 4).

All of them were replaced by people who did not seem to match up to the qualifications of the people they replaced, either by track record or performance.

Meanwhile, what was perceived as a lack of commitment to a quality news operation also eroded the ranks of producers, reporters, editors and writers. The magazine program "Extra," probably the consistently best television ever done in the market, was canceled.

Various news directors followed; the most recent was Kawalerski. None, it appears, was given the resources with which to obtain the kind of talent necessary to move the news department out of the rating depths into which it has fallen.

There have been capital improvements, including expanded facilities and computerization for the newsroom. There has not been a commitment to bringing in, for example, an anchor of proven quality to pair with Don Marsh.

In 1979 the market was just waiting to be seized by a station which took the initiative. KSDK-TV (Channel 5) dominates the market and has become the station of habit.

But Channel 2 is not without hope. Marsh is a fine newsmen and there still are good news people on staff. Most importantly, McCrory has been replaced by Bud Corey, a man who seems to enjoy respect in the Times Mirror organization.

A decision by Times Mirror that it no longer wants to be embarrassed is absolutely essential to turn things around at Channel 2.

Ian MacBryde is an independent video producer and former television executive.

'Family Business' flunks in merging trio's talents

It's a shame that the first (and maybe last) film to employ the formidable talents of Dustin Hoffman, Sean Connery and Matthew Broderick has such a lackluster script and poke-along pace.

"Family Business" (**) is about three generations of law breaking in one family and how a million-dollar heist can become the crime that binds.

Connery is the standout of the trio headlining the film. He plays Jessie McMullen, a '60-ish crook who is Scottish by birth and a bit of a con artist and law man by choice. Jessie's only son,

Vito, played by Hoffman, worked in the family tradition for a short period but decided to go legit after a stint in jail.

Vito now owns a meal-preparation business. He is married and respectable, but not exciting. Vito's only son, Adam, played by Broderick, is a few weeks from graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology but decides to drop out and take advantage of another opportunity, an event that does not involve a college degree but does involve a degree of risk.

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Blues Society planning festival for September

By Deborah Reinhardt
Staff writer

Blues fans no longer have a sad song to sing. The St. Louis Blues Society is planning a blues music festival Sept. 14 through 22 at several St. Louis city and county locations.

For blues fans, listening to their music live usually means going to a local nightclub or catching a national act occasionally presented by the St. Louis Blues Society. In 1988, Benson & Hedges and the society sponsored a blues festival, but the tobacco company chose not to bring back the festival last year.

The blues society is working to gather corporate funding for the 1990 festival, said spokesman Frank Absher, although he would not say what companies the society is talking with or how much money would be needed. The blues society wants to book local and national blues talent for the festival. Guitarist Henry Townsend, a blues legend from St. Louis, is the only musician that has been announced.

The society has proposed Kiener Plaza, Laclede's Landing, Soudard and Clayton for festival concert sites. Details of the locations also must be finalized, Absher said.

Planning for the festival started 18 months ago, he said. It is the society's hope that St. Louis' blues festival eventually will rival the one held in Chicago each summer.

Absher said the dates were picked in part because Sept. 15 is a St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs date at Busch Stadium. An outdoor blues concert would be ideal at Kiener Plaza before the game, he said.

As part of the festival, the society also will send local blues musicians into area schools for a Blues in the Schools program.

"One of the important aspects is a large portion of the concerts will be open to kids," Absher said.

Blues fans under 21 years of age often do not hear live blues concerts in St. Louis because most of the music is performed in bars.

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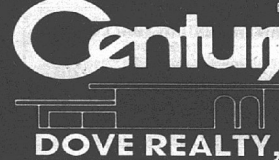
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